Scripture References:

**Ephesians 4:29** Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear.

**Proverbs 11:9** With his mouth, the godless man destroys his neighbors.

**Proverbs 11:11** By the blessing of the upright a city is exalted. But by the mouth of the wicked it is torn down.

**Proverbs 10:11** The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life.

**Proverbs 12:18** There is one who speaks rashly like the thrusts of a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

**Proverbs 15:4** A soothing tongue is a tree of life, but perversion in it crushes the spirit.

**Proverbs 18:21** Death and life are in the power of the tongue.

**Ecclesiastes 10:12** Words from the mouth of a wise man are gracious.

**Proverbs 25:11** Like apples of gold in a setting of silver is a word spoken in right circumstances.

**Colossians 4:6** Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned, as it were, with salt, so that you may know how you should respond to each person.

**James 3:2** We all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well.

**James 3:7-8** Every species of beasts and birds, of reptiles and creatures of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by the human race. But no one can tame the tongue; it is a restless evil and full of deadly poison.

**Psalm 141:3** Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth. Keep watch over the door of my lips.

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**Word Control**

**Ephesians 4:29**

I. The **G**_________ of our speech
   A. It is not to ______________________________ ourselves.
   B. It is to e________________ others or give _____________________ to those who hear.
   *See that words have tremendous p________________ for good or ill.

II. The **G**_________ for our speech – the n______________ of the moment
   How do we develop the ability to follow this guide?
   1. Get into God’s word.
   2. Seek __________________________ from others.
   3. Don’t __________________________ trial and error.

III. The **G**____________________ of our speech – and the guard is ___________________

   Six suggestions:
   1. Practice s________________________ of speech.
   2. Remember God’s work________________________ you need it.
   3. Watch what you __________________________.
   4. Work on the ______________________ of your words – seek after a pure ____________________.
   5. Make your speech a matter of consistent ______________________.
   6. Never _______________ ______________.

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