





Matthew 12:33-37

THE WORDS WE SAY

# IMPROPER WORDS

## *Teaching error*

- James 3:1 – Much damage can be done in the teaching of error, and we will be judged for what we have taught
- 2 Peter 2:17-19 – Words of error cause destruction
- Galatians 3:1; 1:6-7 – Those in Galatia had been turned aside due to error being taught
- Are we teaching, preaching, and making comments on scriptural matters without thinking through it?

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## *Corrupt words*

- Ephesians 4:29 – We are not to let corrupt words out of our mouth
- Colossians 3:8 – As Christians we are to put off filthy language
- Curse words → what do they profit?
- Euphemism → what do they profit?

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## *Slander*

- Romans 1:28-32 – Slander is listed among other things that are practiced by those deserving of death
- James 4:11-12 – We are not to speak evil of one another
- Are we warning or are we slandering?

# IMPROPER WORDS

## *Gossip*

- 1 Timothy 5:13 – We are not to be gossips
- Instead of working for the Lord are we going about gossiping?

## *Lying*

- Colossians 3:9 – As those who have put off the old man, we are not to lie
- White lie or situational ethics?

# PROPER WORDS

## *Colossians 4:6*

- Words with grace – In the proper way and true, showing a Godward piety in our words
- Seasoned with salt – In a wise way and have meaning, they are not meaningless

## *Ephesians 4:29*

- Words that are good and necessary for edification

# PROPER WORDS

## ***2 Timothy 3:16-17***

- All scripture is profitable... and can equip one for every good work

## ***Hebrews 4:12***

- The word of God is more powerful than any two-edged sword

## ***1 Peter 4:11***

- If anyone speaks let him speak as the oracles of God



# HOW TO ENSURE OUR WORDS ARE PROPER

## *James 3:7-12; Luke 6:45*

- We must fix our heart
- Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks

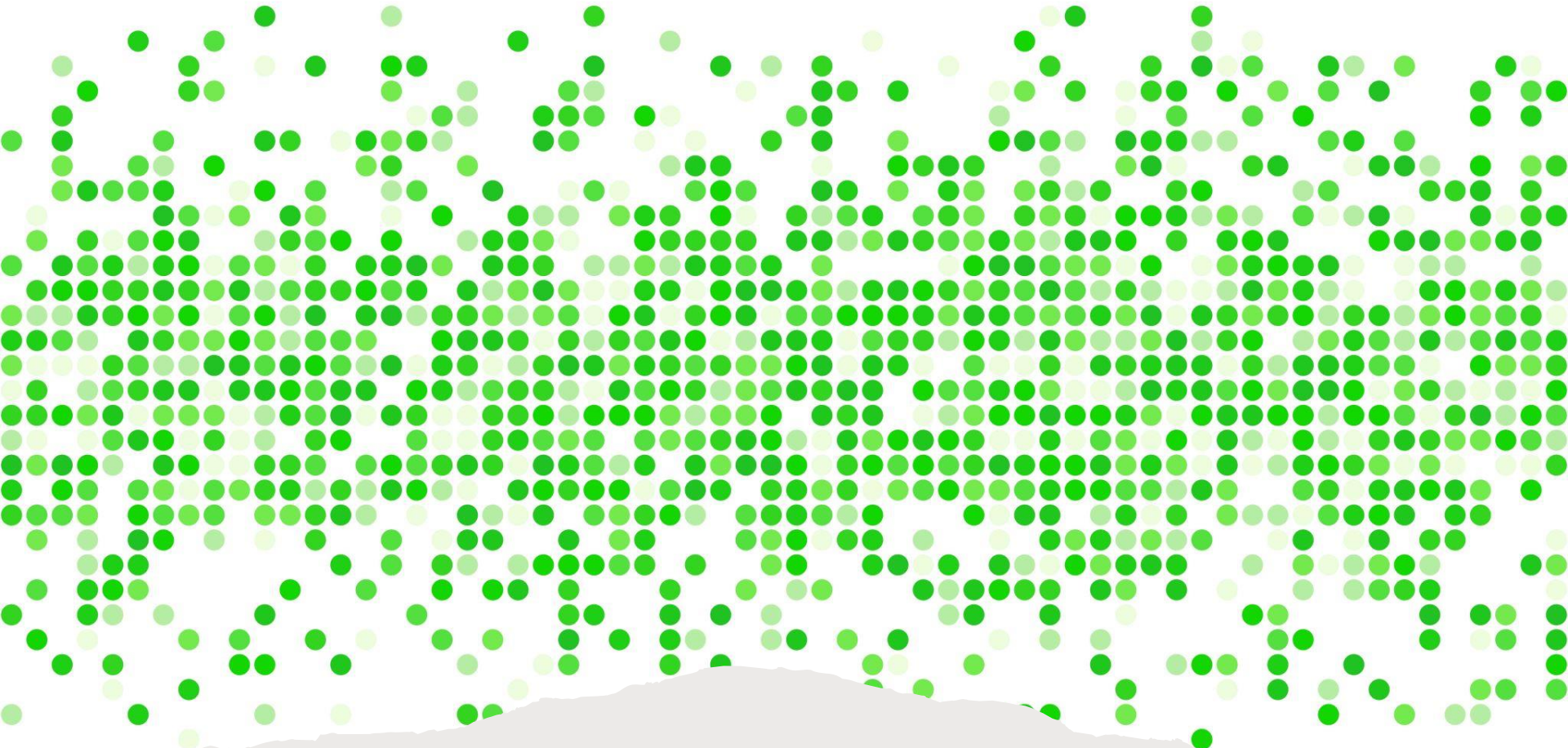
## *Proverbs 4:23*

- Don't allow bad stuff in

# HOW TO ENSURE OUR WORDS ARE PROPER

## *James 1:19-26*

- Hear the word
- Receive the word
- Be doers of the word
- Bridle (hold in check, restrain) our tongue
- Be slow to speak (James 1:19)



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