## Using your words to encourage not destroy.

**READ: Ephesians 4:29-**Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so your words will encourage those who hear them.

**Titus 3:2** They must not slander anyone and must avoid quarreling. Instead, they should be gentle and show true humility to everyone.

REFLECT:
What kind of words should not come out of your mouth?
Instead, what types of words should come out of your mouth?
We often use our mouths for hurting those around us. Sometimes we do this to make ourselves look better and use mean words to tear others down. Maybe someone said something mean to us and we want to get revenge and attack them with our words. This should not be. Instead of harming others with our words we should be kind and encourage those who need a friend and build them up.
Make it your prayer that you will only use your words for encouraging those around you and looking for ways to help others become better people.
God does not want us to hurt others with what comes out of our mouths because that was not the original purpose for them. Our mouths were made to praise God, give thanks to Him and encourage others.
RESPOND:
Is there someone you have used your words to hurt? If so, make it right.
How will you encourage someone in your life this week with your words?
Thank God for His Words which hold great truths and encouragement for us. Be careful how you use your words this week. Ask God to help you use your words not to cause harm but instead to encourage others.
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