

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

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"Stop Kidding Yourselves"

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James 1:19-27

Areas of speech that need to be abandoned.

Blasphemous speech involves an intentional and defiant dishonoring of the nature, name, or work of God by word or action (Exodus 20:7).

Filthy speech is everything inconsistent with the modesty of the saint (Ephesians 5:4).

Lying speech is any speech that is consciously attempting to mislead or deceive another (Ephesians 4:25).

Complaining speech is any speech that expresses a spirit of discontent with the way things are (Philippians 2:14).

Boastful speech is any speech that robs God of what is due Him in respect to glory, honor and praise (Jeremiah 9:23-24).

Angry speech is any emotionally driven communication which originates from the flesh that impels us to hurt or destroy that which angers us (Matthew 5:21-22).

"RACA" is an Aramaic word, most probably signifying "empty."

"Fool" is a Greek word meaning "dull, stupid" and is a fair equivalent of "Raca."

We need to be careful that we do not take any communication that is characterized by anger lightly, just as we should not take the sin of murder lightly for it has serious consequences (Matthew 5:22).

Careless speech is any speech that does not produce any good result (Matthew 12:22-37).

The word "careless" (ARGON) literally means "no work". The King James Version translates the word "idle" which is an excellent translation.