

*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).

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

Areas of speech that need to be added:

Adoring speech is the outflow of our redeemed spirit contemplating God's holy perfections in prayer (Psalms 100).

Appreciative speech is any speech that communicates to people we value them for who they are (1 Peter 2:17).

Confessing speech is any speech directed to God that acknowledges our sin and agrees with Him concerning it (1 John 1:9).

Conciliatory speech is any speech directed to man that seeks to overcome hostility.

When hostility toward us is direct

Do not retaliate (1 Peter 3:9)

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Carefully listen (Proverbs 18:13)

Rewarded by impact on the life of our accuser (Proverbs 15:1; 25:15)

Rewarded by impact on our life (Proverbs 13:1; Matthew 18:15-20)

Bless them (1 Peter 3:9)

What does it mean to "give a blessing?" The root meaning to the word means to "speak well of."

We can give a blessing to those who accuse us when we are speaking to the Lord (Luke 23:24).

We can give a blessing to those who accuse by speaking good things about them (Luke 1:39-45).