

Seeking The Face of God

Prayer Guide

Week 13

Requirements for Seeking His Face: Holiness in Speech

Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.

Ephesians 4:29 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: Holiness is a primary requirement for those who would desire to seek the Face of God. This means holiness in every area of life. This includes the words that we speak. Jesus taught in **Matthew 15:18 (NLT)** *But the words you speak come from the heart—that's what defiles you.* Holiness of speech is not simply a matter of avoiding curse words when we are with other people. As Jesus taught, the words that come from our mouths are a reflection of what is in our hearts. Few of us spend enough time contemplating what that means. In this verse in Ephesians, Paul teaches that, yes, we need to avoid foul or abusive language, but our speech should be filled with words that build up others. Our speech should be filled with words of blessing, and worship. Yes, there are times when we need to speak words of correction, but even then, those words must be seasoned with grace and love. This requires that we allow the Lord to search deep within us to the very root of where our words come from. And there He must find holiness. Because if there is holiness in our heart, in the core of our being our speech will be gracious, loving and a blessing to others. Words that reflect the character of God. To seek the face of God, we must be holy in our speech.

- Day 1:** Today, spend today allowing the Lord to search your heart, and examine your speech. Are your words critical and cutting, or wholesome, gracious and holy?
- Day 2:** Confess to the Lord every way in which you have used your words to belittle or cut others. You may need to go to those people and ask for forgiveness for your words to them.
- Day 3:** This week intentionally pay attention to the words you use. Are they holy, gracious, and encouraging to others? Ask the Lord to show you as He sees your words.
- Day 4:** Ask the Lord to purify your daily conversations so that your words will build up and encourage those around you.
- Day 5:** Pray for the other people in your church to seek speech that is holy and pure.
- Day 6:** Pray for the other churches in your city to seek after purity in their speech and hearts.
- Day 7:** Pray for missionaries to have words of purity and encouragement as they encounter those who need to know Christ.