



*Ephesians 4:29–30 “Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.”*  
(Matthew 15:10-11, 12:34, Acts 19:18-19)

#### **Four Kinds of ‘Rotten Language’**

1. Taking the \_\_\_\_\_ in Vain
2. Trivializing \_\_\_\_\_
3. Referencing \_\_\_\_\_ in Vulgar Ways
4. Speaking in \_\_\_\_\_ Ways

#### **Why is Such Language ‘Rotten’?**

1. It Does Not \_\_\_\_\_
2. It Will \_\_\_\_\_
3. It \_\_\_\_\_ and Makes the Atmosphere Unpleasant
4. It Probably Comes from a \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt 12:34-36)

#### **A Whole New Way of Thinking About Language**

The Root Issue: is your intention \_\_\_\_\_  
Not WHAT we say, but WHY we say it.