WORDS THAT BUILD

Grace to Those Who Hear

James 1:19 · Ephesians 4:29




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Only what is good for building up someone in need,
so that it gives grace to those who hear.
EPHESIANS 4:29

EPHESIANS 4:16

16 From him the whole body, fitted and knit together by every supporting ligament, promotes the growth of the body for building itself up in love by the proper working of each individual part.

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Quick to Hear

James 1:19-25



19 My dear brothers and sisters, understand this: Everyone should be _____ _____, slow to speak, and slow to anger,

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19 My dear brothers and sisters, understand this: Everyone should be **quick to listen**, slow to speak, and slow to anger,

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JAMES 1:21

21 Therefore, ridding yourselves of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent, _____ _____ the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

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JAMES 1:21

21 Therefore, ridding yourselves of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent, **humbly receive** the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

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22 But be _____ of the word
and not hearers only,
deceiving yourselves.

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22 But be **doers** of the word
and not hearers only,
deceiving yourselves.

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23 Because if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like someone looking at his own face in a mirror.

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24 For he looks at himself,
goes away, and immediately
forgets what kind of person
he was.

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JAMES 1:25

25 But the one who looks intently into the perfect law of freedom and perseveres in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer who works—**this person will be blessed in what he does.**

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Why We Stop Our Ears

1 Kings 12:8; 2 Timothy 4:3



8 But he rejected the advice of
the elders who had advised
him and consulted with the
young men who had grown
up with him and attended him.

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2 TIMOTHY 4:3

3 For the time will come when
people will not tolerate sound
doctrine, but according to their own
desires, will multiply teachers for
themselves because they have an
itch to hear what they want to hear.

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PROVERBS 27:6

6 The wounds of a friend
are _____ but the
kisses of an enemy are
excessive.

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PROVERBS 27:6

6 The wounds of a friend
are **trustworthy,** but the
kisses of an enemy are
excessive.

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PROVERBS 12:15

15 A fool’s way is right in his own eyes, but whoever listens to counsel is ____.

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15 A fool's way is right in his own eyes, but whoever listens to counsel is **wise**.

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PROVERBS 12:1

1 Whoever loves discipline
loves knowledge, but one
who hates correction is
stupid.

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When Refusing Becomes the Problem

Proverbs 29:1



PROVERBS 29:1

1 One who becomes _____
_____, after many
reprimands will be
shattered instantly—
beyond recovery.

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1 One who becomes stiff-necked, after many reprimands will be shattered instantly—beyond recovery.

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HEBREWS 3:13

13 But encourage each other daily, while it is still called **today**, so that none of you is _____ by sin's deception.

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HEBREWS 3:13

13 But encourage each other daily, while it is still called **today**, so that none of you is **hardened** by sin's deception.

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15 As it is said: Today, if
you hear his voice, do
not harden your hearts
as in the rebellion.

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Learning to Hear

Psalm 141:5



PSALM 141:5

5 Let the righteous one strike me
— it is an act of faithful love; let
him rebuke me— it is _____
_____ let me not refuse it. Even
now my prayer is against the evil
acts of the wicked.

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PSALM 141:5

5 Let the righteous one strike me
— it is an act of faithful love; let
him rebuke me— it is **oil for my
head;** let me not refuse it. Even
now my prayer is against the evil
acts of the wicked.

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13 David responded to Nathan,
“I have sinned against the
Lord.” Then Nathan replied to
David, “And the Lord has taken
away your sin; you will not die.

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Look to Jesus

John 6:60-68



60 Therefore, when many
of his disciples heard this,
they said, “This teaching is
hard. Who can accept it?”

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66 From that moment
many of his disciples turned
back and no longer
accompanied him.

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67 So Jesus said to the Twelve, “You don’t want to go away too, do you?”

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68 Simon Peter answered,
“Lord, to whom will we go?
You have the words of
eternal life.

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61 Then the Lord turned and looked at Peter. So Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, “Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times.”

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62 And he went outside and wept bitterly.

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ISAIAH 50:4–5

4 The Lord God has given me the
tongue of those who are instructed
to know how to sustain the weary
with a word. He awakens me each
morning; he awakens my ear to
listen like those being instructed.

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ISAIAH 50:4–5

5 The Lord God has opened my
ear, and I was not rebellious; I did
not turn back.

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Ephesians 4:29

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29 No foul language should come from your mouth, but only what is good for building up someone in need, so that it gives grace _____.

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29 No foul language should come from your mouth, but only what is good for building up someone in need, so that it gives grace **to those who hear**.

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EPHESIANS 4:30

30 And don't _____ God's Holy Spirit. You were sealed by him for the day of redemption.

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EPHESIANS 4:30

30 And don't **grieve** God's Holy Spirit. You were sealed by him for the day of redemption.

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As We Close