



**Pr'me**  
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Gu'ide

# "The Words Filter"

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## With #NoFilter, Our Words Can Hurt Others (and Ourselves)

### The Repeats (required)

Yes, they are the same, but *WE* change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- God is ALWAYS working! Sometimes we just need to keep our “antennae up”, to be looking for it. Go around your group and share your God Moments of how you have seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another, over the past few weeks.
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

### The Review (optional)

Use this section only if you want to review for those who were not in the Point

- Have someone explain the Point in their own words.\*
- What object lesson or illustration was used to communicate the Point this week? How did this apply to the Point?\*
- Have someone read or summarize the main Bible passage/story from the Point (see “The References” section).
- How did this Bible passage teach the Point?\*

*\*someone who was in the Point may need to explain this*



## The Reenergizer (optional)

Use this question if you need to get your group talking

- If you could only speak using the same three words—ever—what three words would you choose? [they can be used in any order, or alone]

## The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the Point

**\*\*Before we get further into the discussion, as a Pr'me we're going to work on memorizing Psalm 119:4-11 this week. [read verse]\*\***

- Read James 3:1-2. Here James says that if we could control our words, we could be PERFECT! What do you think he means by this?!?!?
- Read James 3:3-8. Briefly review the 4 object lessons that James gives related to our words. What do these examples *mean*?
- Read James 3:9-12. In the Point we learned that our words [to others] are deeply connected to our relationship with God. Have you ever thought about this before? How are our words and God connected?
- If our words can hurt others and ourselves, we need to filter out what's not good. Read the verses below and determine what we need to filter. As you read, discuss how each can affect our relationship with God:
  - Ephesians 5:1-4 [foul language]
  - Romans 1:29; 2 Corinthians 12:20 [gossip]
  - Ephesians 4:29-30 [insulting]
  - James 4:11; Matthew 23:1-4 [complaining]
- Some of these types of words are hard to see in ourselves, and others may be easy to spot, but hard to filter. Consider *yourself*, then share 1) which you think is the hardest for you to see AND 2) which is the hardest for you to filter. Are they the same or different? Why? ...Pray.

## The References

Main Passage: **James 3:1-12 (NLT)**\*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...For if we could control our tongues, we would be perfect and could also control ourselves in every other way...

**Ephesians 5:1-4 (NLT)**\*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...Let there be no sexual immorality, impurity, or greed among you. Such sins have no place among God's people. Obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes—these are not for you...

**Romans 1:29 (NLT)**

Their lives became full of every kind of wickedness, sin, greed, hate, envy, murder, quarreling, deception, malicious behavior, and gossip.

**2 Corinthians 12:20 (NLT)**

For I am afraid that when I come I won't like what I find, and you won't like my response. I am afraid that I will find quarreling, jealousy, anger, selfishness, slander, gossip, arrogance, and disorderly behavior.

**Ephesians 4:29-30 (NIV)**\*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

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...

**James 4:11 (NLT)**

Don't speak evil against each other, dear brothers and sisters. If you criticize and judge each other, then you are criticizing and judging God's law. But your job is to obey the law, not to judge whether it applies to you.

**Matthew 23:1-4 (NLT)**\*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...For they don't practice what they teach. They crush people with unbearable religious demands and never lift a finger to ease the burden.