



# Warnings for our Words

Ephesians 5:29-32

# Complaining

Num. 11:1-6

- Trials are not an excuse for complaining – v. 1
- Ingratitude leads to a distorted view of reality – v. 5-6
- Psalm 103:1-2, Ecclesiastes 7:10

# Gossip

Num. 12:1-8

- What motivates gossip? – v. 1-2
- What we say in private is subject to God's judgement – v. 2, Luke 12:2-3
- How do we handle wrongs toward us? – v. 3, 13

**Criticism /  
Blame  
Num. 16**

- **Inspect the log in your own eye before criticizing the speck in another's – vv. 1-3, Matt. 7:1-5**
- **Blame blinds us to reality – v. 13-14, 41**

# Unbelief

Num. 13:25-33

- **The power of our words to affect and influence others – vv. 31-33**
- **A “we can’t” attitude is motivated by fear rather than informed by faith**

# Rash Anger

Num. 20:7-13

- Moses didn't trust God or give God credit – v. 12, Psalm 106:32-33
- Sinful words breed sinful words – Prov. 15:1
- Sinful words bring irreversible consequences

## Ephesians 5:29

Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear.