

Evening Lesson

I SAID NOTHING Eph. 4:29

INTRO:

1. Robert Benchley: "Drawing on my fine command of language, I said nothing."
2. No matter how great one's vocabulary, sometimes the right thing to say is nothing.

I. IF WE CAN'T SPEAK WITH PURITY.

- A. A Christian must watch his speech. **Eph. 4:29**
- B. We are to be clean-living people. **Prov. 15:4, 28**

II. IF WE CAN'T SPEAK WITH SWEETNESS.

- A. We are to be kind. **Eph. 4:31, 32.**
- B. Words originate in the heart. **Matt. 12:34**

III. IF WE CAN'T SPEAK WITH GRACE. Col. 4:6

IV. IF WE CAN'T SPEAK WITH SELF-CONTROL.

- A. We are told to put away anger. **Col. 3:8**
- B. Control, especially of the tongue, is a sign of maturity. **James 1:19; James 3:10**

V. IF WE CAN'T SPEAK WITH TRUTHFULNESS. Col. 3:9

VI. IF WE CAN'T SPEAK WITH LOVE.

- A. Paul wrote **Eph. 4:15**
- B. Love is the greatest thing. **1 Cor. 13:13**

CONC:

- 1, Sometimes the best thing to say is nothing.