

A black silhouette of a human head in profile, facing right. Inside the head, a red brain is visible. A black speech bubble extends from the mouth of the silhouette towards the right. The background is a solid red color. The text 'EVERY CARELESS WORD' is written in white, bold, distressed capital letters inside the speech bubble.

**EVERY
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WORD**

Ephesians 5:4

GOD CARES

- “Is this really the most important issue?”
- It is important enough to be brought up on the day of judgment (Matt. 12:36).
- Filthy language is condemned right along side of other heinous sins (Eph. 5:3-4).
- James indicates that our words are one of the hardest things to bring under control (Jas. 3:6-8).
- He expects us to be able to figure out what belongs in general categories (cf. 1 Tim. 2:9).



CATEGORIES

- Filthy talk (Eph. 5:4).
- Profane talk (Ex. 20:7; Lev. 19:12).
- Coarse talk (Eph. 5:4, 12).
- Destructive speech (Eph. 4:29-31; Jas. 3:9).



AREAS OF DISCERNMENT

- There is a time for what may otherwise be inappropriate (Gal. 1:8-9; Lev. 18; Ezek. 23:20-21; Gal. 5:12; 1 Sam. 25:22; Ezek. 16:25).
- The Bible speaks more frankly of some subjects than we do (Prov. 5:18-19).
- The role of euphemisms (Col. 4:6; cf. Gen. 4:1).

