## **Building a Word Filter**

We must build a spiritual plan that keeps the heart clean and readies our tongue for right words.

Determine if the water is contaminated...

Worship - Joyful / thankful / petition Philippians 4:4, 6, 8

Reasonableness and peace Philippians 4:5, 9

Gospel focus Ephesians 4:1-3

Correction / confrontation Ephesians 4:15-16

Dirty water stays dirty, unless...

words that come at us that we do not define with scripture will pollute us

Lies / manipulation / judgment Ephesians 4:25, 29-30; Jude 16

Complaint / worry Philippians 4:6; Philippians 2:14–15

Gossip / slander / angry / bitter / hateful Ephesians 4:31

Idle 2 Timothy 2:16

Filter before you drink

think biblically and speak truth into your heart before your tongue engages

Stop wrong as soon as possible Ephesians 4

Be Spirit truth guided Ephesians 4:15, 25, 30

God focused filter and power Philippians 4:4

Gospel filter Ephesians 4:1, 13, 20

Ephesians 4:29 filter good & necessary; gives grace

Philippians filter

Be sure to clean the filter For words we rehearse in the heart

We must debrief ourselves with truth *Ephesians 4:15* 

Put off lies and evil Ephesians 4:17-22

Prepare your mind Ephesians 4:20, 23

Careful what you teach