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2 Timothy 2:14-26

Godless chatter is "unhallowed or profane words" that lead to "empty or foolish talk." It usually happens when we say too much. That is why the Apostle Paul was teaching some young followers of Christ when he wrote: "Do not let any unwholesome talk [godless chatter] 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" (Ephesians 4:29, emphasis added). The Apostle James also wrote, "The tongue is like a spark that can lead to a wildfire. One word can lead to another until the whole conversation *becomes godless chatter*" (James 3:6, author's paraphrase, emphasis added),

Godless chatter means we will become less and less like Jesus. We need to confess our failings to God and ask Him to be Lord of our conversations. Then, with God's help we can avoid godless chatter and grow in our understanding of what it means to bring words of life to those who listen. Let's join King David in his prayer concerning our conversations today. "May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD" (Psalm 19:14).

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