

## **Day 5**

Read Romans 13:1-7

Other than “fear” of the IRS, why do you pay taxes?

According to Scripture, why should we pay taxes?

From the Bible passage, write down as many short phrases as you can which describe authority.

## **Day 6**

Read Ephesians 4:29

What attributes of God do you see in this passage?

Which of those attributes impacts you the most at this moment?

Spend some time in prayer, asking God to prepare you for the rich banquet He has prepared for you in worship and in the sermon on Sunday morning! Use this time to prepare your heart so you will come on Sunday morning anticipating what God is going to do in our midst.

# ***Transitions***

## ***Part 5: The Rotten-Fish Gift***

*Ephesians 4:29*  
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### ***I. Words Not To Speak***

A. Unwholesome

B. Tearing Down

### ***II. Words To Speak***

A. Building Up

B. The Need of the Moment

C. Words of Grace

## *For Individual Study*

### Day 1

Read Ephesians 4:29

What are ways that you are tempted to speak unwholesome words?

Do you often give people gifts of rotten fish?

Can you remember a recent time when your words tore somebody down?

Is there a person you need to apologize to because of words you have used?

### Day 2

Read Ephesians 4:29

“Every time you open your mouth, you give people a gift: either a rotten fish to eat or a beautifully wrapped present.” Is this a helpful thought to you as you consider your words? Why?

How can you use words to build others up?

How can you use words to help people in the need at that moment?

What positive step can you take to give people beautiful gifts with your words every time you open your mouth?

### Day 3

Read Ephesians 4:29

What impacted you the most from last Sunday's sermon?

What attributes of God can you see in this passage that you can use in your worship of Him?

There are nine excellent questions to ask every time we study a passage of Scripture. Some of them will apply to one passage while others will apply to another. Based on this passage, do you need to answer any of these questions?

- ❖ Is there an example for me to follow?
- ❖ Is there a sin to avoid?
- ❖ Is there a promise to claim?
- ❖ Is there a prayer to repeat?
- ❖ Is there a command to obey?
- ❖ Is there a condition to meet?
- ❖ Is there a verse to memorize?
- ❖ Is there a doctrine to believe?
- ❖ Is there a challenge to face?

### Day 4

Read Romans 13:1-7

Define “Submit.”

Verse 5 gives two reasons for submitting to authority. What are they?

Many Christians have difficulties submitting to authority. How is this manifested in your life?

Are your responses to authority different since Salvation? In what ways?

