

Worldliness

The Tongue

**Being A Christian Affects
the Way One Talks**

I said, "I will guard my ways, Lest I sin with my tongue; I will restrain my mouth with a muzzle, While the wicked are before me." (Psalms 39:1)



Many Misuses of the Tongue



Lying
Casual Oaths
Angry Words
Gossip
Cursing
Flattery
Grumbling
Complaining



Gossip (Idle Talk)



1 Timothy 1:6

*“Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith, from which some, having strayed, have turned aside to **idle talk**, desiring to be teachers of the law, understanding neither what they say nor the things which they affirm.”*

Telling or Hearing Something New Can be Good or Bad

Good



- Telling others the good news of Jesus
- Relaying joyful news about others
- Sad news when it helps brethren to be aware of a physical or spiritual need

Bad



- News of a personal nature or that does not concern all the brethren
- Telling of anything that
 - 1) is not validated and/or
 - 2) the individual does not have a need to know.



The Sin of Gossip

- Gossip defined: *“idle talk, not always true about people and their affairs”*
 - Extremely dangerous – Puts the listener in an uneasy position
- Gossip is a sin
 - Must be repented of
 - *Romans 1:29-32; 2 Corinthians 12:20; 1 Timothy 5:13*



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□ Romans 1:29-32

²⁹ being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malignity; whisperers, ³⁰ backbiters, hateful to God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, ³¹ without understanding, covenant-breakers, without natural affection, unmerciful: ³² who, knowing the ordinance of God, that they that practice such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but also consent with them that practice them.

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□ 2 Corinthians 12:20

²⁰ For I fear, lest by any means, when I come, I should find you not such as I would, and should myself be found of you such as ye would not; lest by any means *there should be* strife, jealousy, wraths, factions, backbiting, whisperings, swellings, tumults;

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□ 1 Timothy 5:13

And withal they learn also *to be* idle, going about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not.

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- Participating in gossip is often times easy to do
 - We try to justify our actions with the reason that “we are trying to help”
 - Before relating news to others about others, ask these questions:
 - Will it build up the body of Christ?
 - Will it promote peace and harmony in the church?
 - Is it really necessary to tell?
 - Will it help the person being told and the person that it is about?
 - Are we sure it is the truth?

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 - *Matthew 12:36-37*

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³⁷ For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

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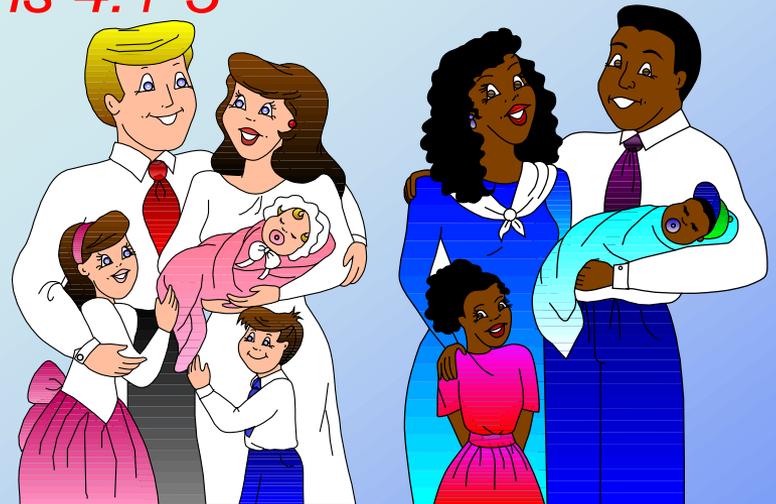
□ Matthew 12:34-35

³⁴ Ye offspring of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

³⁵ The good man out of his good treasure brings forth good things: and the evil man out of his evil treasure brings forth evil things.

Strive to Build Up Not Tear Down

- ❑ Striving to maintain peace and harmony is required of each Christian
 - Responsible for trying!
 - *Philippians 2:1-2; Ephesians 4:1-3*



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☐ Philippians 2:1-2

**¹ If there is therefore any exhortation in Christ, if any consolation of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any tender mercies and compassions,
² make full my joy, that ye be of the same mind, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind;**

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☐ Ephesians 4:1-3

¹ I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beseech you to walk worthily of the calling wherewith ye were called,

² with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;

³ giving diligence to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

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☐ Think before speaking

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- *James 1:26*



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If any man thinketh himself to be religious, while he bridles not his tongue but deceives his heart, this man's religion is vain.

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- *Proverbs 4:23-24*



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- Put into practice the “golden rule”

- *Matthew 7:12; Philippians 2:3-4*



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☐ Matthew 7:12

All things therefore whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do ye also unto them: for this is the law and the prophets.

☐ Philippians 2:3-4

³ *doing* nothing through faction or through vainglory, but in lowliness of mind each counting other better than himself;

⁴ not looking each of you to his own things, but each of you also to the things of others.

Strive to Build Up Not Tear Down

- ❑ Gossip is a sin that can come upon one suddenly
- ❑ Heed the words of the apostle Paul:

“that you also aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you,”

1 Thessalonians 4:11

No one benefits from gossip!

Cursing or Euphemisms

- ❑ Every Christian must strive to make the BEST “imprint” on the world
- ❑ Improper speaking “blurs” our message
 - **1 Timothy 4:12**
Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an ensample to them that believe, in word, in manner of life, in love, in faith, in purity.

Cursing or Euphemisms

- ❑ Every Christian must strive to make the BEST “imprint” on the world
- ❑ Improper speaking “blurs” our message
- ❑ Virtually every Christian realizes that vulgar speech is condemned in the Bible
 - How many have unknowingly been guilty of speaking vulgar words by using a more “mollified” nature?

Euphemisms

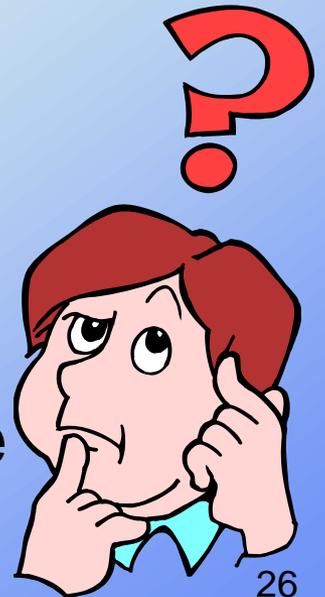
□ Defined as

“the substitution of a mild, indirect, or vague expression for one thought to be offensive, harsh, or blunt.”



□ Is it good or bad?

- Depending on what word it replaces makes it either one we could use or one we should not use



Euphemisms

- ❑ Terms such as “Jesus,” “God,” and “Hell” are found in the Bible – but NEVER used loosely or irreverently
 - We must learn to choose our words carefully
 - We are known by the “fruit of our lips.”
 - May we strive to rid ourselves of any defilement of the flesh
 - *2 Corinthians 10:4-5*

Euphemisms

□ 2 Corinthians 10:4-5

⁴ (for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but mighty before God to the casting down of strongholds),

⁵ casting down imaginations, and every high thing that is exalted against the knowledge of God, and bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ;

Conclusion

- ❑ May we all strive to control our tongue
 - Being aware of gossip and euphemisms
- ❑ Remember the words of Jesus:

“But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”

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