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An answer to prayer!

For the past five years, our oldest son, Seth, and his family have been trying to sell their house in Virginia and move back to Missouri. Although we wanted them to come all this time, we have also prayed that the Lord would do it all according to His will. Finally, on May 6th, the trucks came rolling up our driveway bringing them home! We thank the Lord for the safe move (which took two long trips for Seth) and for the blessing of having them back again!

~ T. Miller

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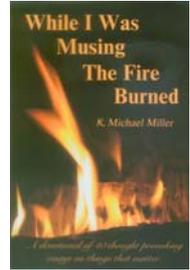


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God’s name is qualified by the adjective “holy” in the Old Testament more often than all other qualities or attributes combined.

Sam Storms

The Third Commandment might well be paraphrased, “You shall not use the name of the Lord without meaning something by it.” Every time you use God’s name, you’d better mean something by it. Because God takes your words seriously even if you don’t.

Ray Pritchard

Teach me thy way,
O LORD;
I will walk in thy
truth:
unite my heart to
fear
thy name.
Psalm 86:11

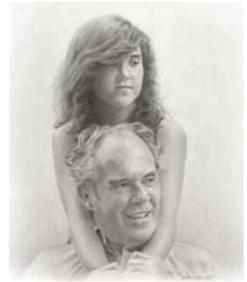
Do you realize that you will be held accountable for every word you say? Jesus said, *“But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.”* (Matthew 12:36) So what is an “idle” word? Words that are useless, vain, and without importance. Why do you think that Jesus was concerned about the words that we speak? Because words can be used to soothe and help, or words can be used to hurt and destroy. We will answer to God for the kind of words that we say, so be wise and make your words good and profitable.



Your mouth is
full of lots of
words,
And everyday you
use them,
But please take
care how they
come out;
Be careful how
you choose them.

Words can be flowers to your friends,
Or weapons to mistreat them.
Be sure to make each true and sweet,
You may just have to eat them!

Papa’s Sermon



Busy in his study, a minister was preparing his sermon for the coming Sunday. He reached to the shelf at his side for a book, and then remembered that he had left it downstairs. His little daughter was playing in the bedroom, and he called her. She came, running, eager and delighted at the thought that Papa needed her. He explained carefully where she could find the book, and she went gladly, returning in a moment with a book, which he saw at a glance was the wrong one. But he hardly looked at the book as he took it and laid it on the table. He looked only at the eager face of his daughter, wreathed in smiles. Gathering her close to his heart, he kissed her and said, “Thank you, darling.” And when she had gone back happy and contented to her play he went quietly for the book he needed. I think I should like to listen to the sermons that man would preach.

Fun Ideas for the Summer!

Combine the food and fun factor this season and serve your sandwiches on a playful platter—the flying disc. Line the flying disc with a colorful bandana or napkin and arrange sandwiches neatly. You can even purchase a number of them for a child’s outdoor birthday party and use them for plates. They make a great toy for everyone to take home.

Here is another good idea for a bright birthday party. Buy a cheap white tablecloth or use an old sheet that your mother approves of and tie-dye it with bright colored fabric dye. Use rubber bands to hold the fabric at various spaces and rubber gloves to keep it all off your hands. Remember to wear old clothes when working on it, too, or you may have more tie-dyed than you intended!



Elisabeth Elliot Gren

Elisabeth Elliot is one of the most influential Christian women of our time. For a half-century, her best selling books, timeless teachings and courageous faith have influenced believers and seekers of Jesus Christ throughout the world. She uses her experiences as a daughter, wife, mother, widow, and missionary to bring the message of Christ to countless women and men around the world.

“My parents were missionaries in Belgium where I was born. When I was a few months old, we came to the U.S. and lived in Germantown, not far from Philadelphia, where my father became an editor of the Sunday School Times. Some of my contemporaries may remember the publication which was used by hundreds of churches for their weekly unified Sunday School teaching materials.

Our family continued to live in Philadelphia and then in New Jersey until I left home to attend Wheaton College. By that time, the family had increased to four brothers and one sister. My studies in classical Greek would one day enable me to work in the area of unwritten languages to develop a form of writing.

A year after I went to Ecuador, Jim Elliot, whom I had met at Wheaton, also entered tribal areas with the Quichua Indians. In nineteen fifty three we were married in the city of Quito and continued our work together. Jim had always hoped to have the opportunity to enter the territory of an unreached tribe. The Aucas were in that category -- a fierce group whom no one had succeeded in meeting without being killed. After the discovery of their whereabouts, Jim and four other missionaries entered Auca territory. After a friendly contact with three of the tribe, they were speared to death.



Our daughter Valerie was 10 months old when Jim was killed. I continued working with the Quichua Indians when, through a remarkable providence, I met two Auca women who lived with me for one year. They were the key to my going in to live with the tribe that had killed the five missionaries. I remained there for two years.

After having worked for two years with the Aucas, I returned to the Quichua work and remained there until 1963 when Valerie and I returned to the U.S.

Since then, my life has been one of writing and speaking. It also included, in 1969, a marriage to Addison Leitch, professor of theology at Gordon Conwell Seminary in Massachusetts. He died in 1973. After his death I had two lodgers in my home. One of them married my daughter, the other one, Lars Gren, married me. Since then we have worked together.”

Read more about Elisabeth and Lars at their web address:

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Cursing Christians?

“See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.”(Ephesians 5:15-16)

“Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.”(Psalm 19:14)

“Abstain from all appearance of evil.”(1Thessalonians 5:22)

There are so many people who say they love Jesus, go to church every week and can even talk about spiritual things with an earnest attitude, but how far does their sincerity go? It seems like everyone that you talk to goes to church somewhere and professes to be a born-again Christian. Even that term (born-again Christian) is losing its credibility with so many claiming it without any evidence of following Christ. These same people can say some of the vilest words you have ever heard when conversing with someone they know is not a Christian. Their conversation fits the circumstances they are in instead of honoring God wherever they are, with whomever they are with. It is like they have tied up their sinfulness in a balloon but it is not tight enough to keep everything in, so that at times a bit will escape. James tried to give warning to his Jewish brothers of the same kind of problem. *“Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter? Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.” (James 3:10-12)*

So what point is James trying to make? Just calling the ocean a spring of fresh water does not make it drinkable. If you were floating on the ocean, adrift at sea, you would die of thirst because drinking salt water will dehydrate you. Neither will a spring of water be clean if it is running through a stockyard. Even though it is called a spring, the filth that is getting into it will make it unusable. The same is the case with people and their sin. Just saying you are a Christian, going to church, singing in the choir, giving money to missions or even going to a mission field does not make you a Christian. But if you *are* a Christian, everyone will know it by the things you do and the words you say. The worse hypocritical act that anyone can do is to claim to be a Christian to one group and act and talk worldly and low when they get with another group. These people are the ones that will usually call real Christians “hypocrites” for judging them.

There is a great plague going around in the people that sit in the pews of our churches these days. For too many years they have been told that they were born sinful and although Jesus can save us we are going to be in this flesh until we die. Since we are in the flesh we cannot even think that we can live above sin, so what is the use in trying. Therefore we are plagued with this generation of people who have the “I-cannot-help-it” plague. It is not such an uncommon thing, really, for it has been going on since the beginning of Christianity. People have always tried to make an excuse for their weaknesses and sins, but never before have they been

given such permission to live such ungodly lifestyles while calling themselves “Christian” while they live that way.

So what is wrong with saying a little slang curse word every once in a while? What harm does it do? One of the greatest damages that can be done when a so-called “Christian” does or says worldly things is to cause confusion in the mind of someone else who is lost. If you are in the habit of saying minced oaths or using “bathroom” language all the time, do you honestly think that a lost person who knows you is going to listen to you when you tell him that Jesus can save him from sin? It is not “Christian liberty”, it is sin. Lost people know the difference in what is right and wrong. And when you do not make a difference between good and bad, between holy and unholy in anything that you do, not only will they not listen to you, but you are blaspheming the God of Heaven and you will be held accountable. Jesus said, *“But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.”* (Matthew 12:36)

Jesus also says in Matthew 18:6, *“whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.”* The “little ones” that Jesus was referring to are young Christians or those who are on the verge of coming to know Christ. When you profess to be a Christian and cannot refrain from using minced oaths and slang curses, you offend these “little ones” by bringing confusion as to what is holy and what is not. Have you not heard someone say, “Well, if *they* are a Christian, why should I want to change? I am as good as they are, even better.” You have caused one who would have been saved to reject Christ because of your hypocrisy. It would be better for you to have a millstone tied to your neck and to be tossed into the sea. That is the way that Jesus thought about it.

And that is not all! How often do I hear the name of the Lord used in a way that is not respectful! I hear, “Oh, Lord!” here and “Oh, Lord!” there, but they are not calling on the Lord God. So what does God have to say about that? *“Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain: for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.”* (Exodus 20:7 & Deuteronomy 5:11) You will notice that there are two references to this passage of scripture. That is because it is written twice in the Bible *word for word!* Every time that God wants to get our attention on a certain subject, He repeats Himself for emphasis. Jesus did it all the time. So do you think it would be a good idea to take notice of how we use the name of our Lord? Do not be fooled, it is not acceptable to God to claim to be a Christian while you have a profane mouth and lifestyle. As the verse said above, God will not hold you guiltless when you take His name in vain.

So why is it that there are so many “Christians” using such language? For one thing, they are not Christians. A Christian is not going to want to use language like that anymore for they know that it is wicked in the sight of the Lord that saved their soul. Why did Peter use cursing to convince the people that he was not a follower of Christ? Because a follower of Christ would not talk that way! Foul language identifies you with the worldly crowd and that is what these people are doing;

identifying with the world while trying to keep one toe on the edge of Heaven. Jesus says that friendship with the world makes you an enemy of God. We do not take that as seriously as we should.

Anger is another way that some people can blaspheme God. I heard a preacher once say that he would not want to put religious stickers or one of those fish signs on his car because sometimes he loses his temper while he is driving and he would not want anyone to know he is a Christian. What kind of a testimony is that? *“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance:”*(Galatians 5:22) So where does anger fit in? True, there is an anger that is not sinful, but it is not the unbridled kind that most people have. *“Be ye angry, and sin not:”*(Ephesians 4:26)

“If you chuckle or make light of this matter, you have a serious spiritual problem. God has not changed his mind about profanity simply because this sinful generation has. What comes out of a person's mouth comes directly from their heart. Jesus made it clear that a corrupt tree brings forth corrupt fruit. (Luke 6:43-45) There is no other explanation for such behavior. Anyone may call themselves a Christian, but that does not mean it is true. “Wherefore, by their fruits ye shall know them ...” Jesus said. (Matt 7:20) If your mouth is profane, so is your heart. If you say dirty, foul things with your tongue it is an absolute certainty that you think dirty, foul things in your heart. “Create in me a clean heart...” said David, and a clean heart makes for a clean mouth. No one has any problem identifying a sewer by its smell and no one who knows God and is acquainted with his Word has any trouble recognizing that foulness of the soul that reveals itself through the low-talking, profane talk that comes out of the mouth.” (Taken from the devotion, ‘Profane Lips Equal A Profane Heart’—Bro. Mike Miller)

Search your heart! If you do not see anything wrong with saying these things, there is a major problem between you and God. Do not let anyone tell you to ignore those feelings of doubt and incompleteness that you feel. If you have to constantly be trying to convince yourself that you are saved then you are not. How can I make such a bold statement and judgement? Because for 37 years I believed that I had accepted Jesus as my Savior and that was enough. Everyone told me that if I had prayed that prayer, Jesus had saved me and all I needed to do was accept it with joy. But my heart told me different every time I did something wrong, every time I would meet someone who really had victory over sin, every time I was made to look into my soul and could not find peace. Every time I would try to pray for others my prayers always turned to ones for myself, pleading for help in my own life. I wanted to be closer to God and I tried everything I knew to get there, except total surrender. When I finally did give Him everything, counting myself as nothing and undeserving of anything from anyone, throwing myself on the mercies of a just Judge and merciful God, He took all the burden, hurt and guilt away from my soul. A person who has really been saved by the Lord Jesus Christ will love Him so much that there is no question about honoring His name or saying anything that would bring offence to Him or His kingdom. *“Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.”*(1 John 3:21) It is not a matter of convincing

your heart that you are all right but an on-going peace that nothing can shake. Do you have that kind of peace? If you do not, I greatly plead with you, search your heart!

The foolish and wicked practice of profane cursing and swearing is a vice so mean and low that every person of sense and character detests and despises it.
George Washington

"Let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation."
(James 5:12)

"Be careful of your words, for they become your thoughts. Be careful of your thoughts, for they become your actions. Be careful of your actions, for they become your character. Be careful of your character, for it becomes your destiny." –
Anonymous

"Profaneness is a brutal vice. [The person] who indulges in it is no [gentleperson]."
-Edwin Hubbel Chapin

"Rudeness is the weak [person's] imitation of strength."
- Eric Hoffer

Words

**A careless word may kindle strife;
A cruel word may wreck a life;
A bitter word may hate instill;
A brutal word may smite and kill;
A gracious word may smooth the way;
A joyous word may light the day;
A timely word may lessen stress;
A loving word may heal and bless.**

A widow had two daughters. One was coarse and slovenly, with an ugly disposition, but because she resembled her mother the woman loved her and thought her beautiful. The other daughter had hair like gold and a complexion like a pink rose, while her eyes were as blue as the sky. She was sweet-tempered and kind, but her mother hated her, and gave her all the hardest work to do and the poorest food to eat.

One day she gave her a heavy jug and sent her into the forest to bring water for her sister. When the girl reached the spring she was tired and sad, and sat weeping on the stone. Presently a voice behind her asked for a drink, and she turned and saw a withered old woman sitting there. So she gently raised the jug to the woman's lips, and then refilled it and started home.

But the old woman called her back and said: "Daughter, you have helped one who is able to repay you for your kindness. Every word you speak shall be a pearl or a rose." The girl hastened home. Her mother met her with scolding words, asking her why she had been so long. And when her daughter explained to her, lo! every word she spoke was a pearl or a rose. The greedy old woman snatched up the pearls and left the roses.

Then she called her other daughter,--the ugly one,--told her what had happened, and said: "Hasten, daughter! Take the silver pitcher and run to the fountain. If the fairy has given these for a drink from a jug, what will she give for a drink from a silver pitcher!"

The girl sulked off to the fountain swinging the pitcher and loitering along the way. When she reached there no old woman was in sight, but beside the spring was a tall, beautiful young woman who asked her for a drink. The ugly one replied, "There is the pitcher, draw the water for yourself."

When she was about to go, the young woman said sharply: "Stop! the words that fall from your lips are evil things, and they shall look like the things they are. Every word you speak shall be a spider or a snake, until you learn to speak kindly."

The girl trudged off home scarcely thinking about what the woman said, little knowing that it was the same fairy who had spoken to her sister. But when she began to answer her mother, spiders and snakes dropped from her lips, and she was very much frightened.

I wonder whether our words would be pearls or spiders if we could see them? Let us make them pearls.

Crafts

Need a shrug to go over a summer dress or blouse?

Here is a great idea!

Up-Cycle T-shirt Shrug

- One regular t-shirt that fits you loose
 - Sewing machine
 - Scissors
 - Grosgrain ribbon for ties (or scraps from other shirt)
1. Make a cut up the center front of shirt and also cut close to the neck binding, removing the binding from the shirt.
 2. On the sewing machine, hem the cut edge 1" to make a casing.
 3. Using a large safety pin, thread the ribbon or the bottom edge of another t-shirt through the casing, drawing it up evenly as you go.
 4. Tie the bow where you want it and add straight pins through the ribbon close to the bow to keep it from slipping. Remove the shrug and stitch where the pins are holding it tight; remove the pins. Retie the bow and cut the ribbon to the length you like.
 5. To make the flowers, cut four circles of t-shirt material, one smaller than the next, stack them together and stitch through all thicknesses, adding a pearl or button for embellishment.



Wrapped Denim Bracelet



- Leather belt, at thrift store or yard sale
- Scraps of thin denim or chambray fabric, or print, if you prefer.
- Hot glue gun and sticks
- Embellishments of your choice
- Scissors

1. Measure the widest part of your hand and add an inch. Cut a strip of the leather this measurement.
2. Overlapping the leather strip 1/2", hot glue in place. Hot glue the end of a strip of denim or fabric onto the inside of the bracelet loop and begin wrapping it around, bring sure not to overlap your strips too much (it makes it too thick). Put a dot of glue on the inside every so often to keep the wraps from slipping.
3. When the entire bracelet is covered, glue end on inside of bracelet. Cut another strip of leather to just fit inside of the bracelet and glue in place.
4. Now you can embellish them as you want. Add a thin chain, wrap extra ribbon or lace, add a tassel made from extra fabric, flowers, buttons, whatever you like.

Recipes

Taco Salad

Ingredients

- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 1 (1 ounce) package taco seasoning mix
- 1/2 (14.5 ounce) package nacho-flavor tortilla chips
- 2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1/2 (15 ounce) can kidney beans, drained
- 1/2 cup ranch-style salad dressing
- chopped tomato, lettuce, and green onion



Directions

1. Place ground beef in a large, deep skillet. Cook over medium-high heat, stirring to crumble until well done; drain. Stir in taco seasoning mix. Set aside to cool.
2. Place chips into a large bowl, and crush into bite-size pieces. Combine with seasoned meat, cheese, beans, tomatoes, lettuce, and green onions. Pour dressing over all, and toss to coat.



Banana Split Cake

- 1 (16 ounce) package vanilla wafers, crushed
- 1 cup margarine, melted
- 1 (20 ounce) can crushed pineapple, drained
- 6 bananas
- 8 ounces cream cheese
- 2 cups confectioners' sugar
- 1 (12 ounce) container frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1/4 cup chopped walnuts
- 8 maraschino cherries

1. Combine the crushed vanilla wafers and melted margarine. Pat into the bottom of one 9 x 13-inch pan.
2. Beat the cream cheese and confectioners' sugar together until light and fluffy. Spread over the top of the vanilla wafer crust. Spoon crushed pineapple over the cream cheese layer. Then layer sliced bananas over the pineapple. Cover with the non-dairy whipped topping and sprinkle top with chopped walnuts and maraschino cherries.

Lemon-Lime Coolers

- 1 can (6 oz) frozen lemonade concentrate, thawed (3/4 cup)
- 1 can (6 oz) frozen limeade concentrate, thawed (3/4 cup)
- 1/4 cup powdered sugar
- 3 cups crushed ice
- 2 cups club soda, chilled



In blender, place lemonade concentrates, powdered sugar and ice. Cover; blend until slushy. Add club soda; stir gently. Pour mixture carefully into glasses. Garnish with lime slices.

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