You'd Better Watch Your Mouth - God Is!

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Words are just words, right? How is it that some words can be classified as "acceptable" to speak and other words are "unacceptable" to speak? How can most words in the English language be normal, ordinary words but a select few be pulled out and deemed "vulgar" or "profane"? If God does not specify which words are appropriate and which ones are not, how can I know the difference?

Obviously, with words having different meanings in different languages around the world and in different cultures throughout the centuries, the Bible could not possibly list all profane words for all languages in all cultures for all time. But, God does categorize, in principle, words that He deems unacceptable, and with careful and honest study, "The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable" (Prov. 10:32). You know words that fit the following.

God condemns "corrupt" words (Eph. 4:29). These are words that are rotten, "bad, evil, unwholesome, in a moral sense." You know words like this.

God condemns "foolish talking" (Eph. 5:4). These are words that are "foolish, dull, stupid."

God condemns "coarse jesting" (Eph. 5:4). This denotes a "risqué wit" that utters vulgar or off-color jokes.

God condemns "filthy language" (Col. 3:8). "Filthiness" is condemned in Ephesians 5:4 as a "behavior that flouts social and moral standards, shamefulness, obscenity." In Colossians 3:8, the focus is on "speech of a kind that is generally considered in poor taste, obscene speech, dirty talk" that is considered shameful.

God condemns words that "allure through the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness" (2 Pet. 2:18). These are words that paint pictures and lead to thoughts of "unbridled lust, indecency, wantonness" and illicit sexual desires and conduct.

God condemns "malicious words" (3 John 10). These are words that are "morally or socially worthless, wicked, evil, bad, base, vicious, degenerate."

Knowing that God is aware of every syllable that proceeds from my tongue and that I will be judged for every word I speak (Matt. 12:36), my prayer should be, "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer" (Psa. 19:14). God can and will help vou!

"Flee As A Bird"

by Mark McWhorter Oak Grove church of Christ Oak Grove, MO

Small birds are easily scared. With any sudden movement or sound the birds will quickly fly away. Many times they look for a tree or bush in which to hide.

In Palestine there were many rocky crevices and caves in the mountains. The birds would fly to these. David compares himself and other followers of God to these birds. Psalm 11:1, "In the Lord I put my trust: how say ye to my soul, Flee as a bird to your mountain?"

David says he is not like the little birds. He has no reason to fly away from his spiritual enemies. His faith is in God.

In verse four, David says he has nowhere to flee if the foundations are destroyed. He is saying that if he does not have faith that God is in Heaven and able to defeat his enemies, then there is nowhere to run that is safe.

Study your Bible. Learn all you can about our great God. Obey him and trust him. And if any of this is hard to understand, ask an adult to help you.

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Schedule of Services

Sunday AM Bible Study Sunday AM Worship Mark Dailey, evangelist No Sunday PM Service minister@lasallechurchofchrist.org Wednesday PM Bible Study 7:00 PM

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We welcome all who are here today.

9:45 AM

11:00 AM

If you are a visitor we are honored to have you with us. Please fill out a Visitor Card (on the back of the pew in front of you) so we may have a record of your visit. Later in the service we will pass around a collection plate. As a visitor you are obviously not expected to give but we would like for you to place the Visitor Card in the collection plate. Thanks.

There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs for infant care.

Please keep cell phones and other noise making devices silent during worship.

We offer a free Bible Correspondence

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Praver List In our prayers let's praise God, recognize His greatness, and thank Him for His blessings.

Those that attend: Mildred Lynum, Bill Flanagan, Anna Brink, Frank Marsden, Bill Kinney, Pat Hazlett, David Alcorn, Darlene Reed, Butts & Edie Sumner, Diane Mellott, Chris Highway, Candi Butcher, Cheryl Mellott, Joyce Cameron, Willow McFarland, Tahlia Willis, Logan Bennett, Joan Campbell-Cook, Kyra Kyle, Bev McArthur, Maria Swindlehurst, and Jean Cameron.

People in other places: Renee Kinney, Tim Mellott and family, T.J., Wednesday Rahelich, Jack Openshaw, Paul Stewart, Betty Leistner and also Denise Garlitz' grandchildren, Mary Lou, Carol's sister Holly, Frank's niece, Tony & Egla Grana, Susan Barrett & family, Karen Anstee, Randy Marten, Doris & Mary Jane Mess, Andrea, George Beckwith, Michelle Phillips, Red & Goldie Crow, Samantha Allee, Brenda Baptiste, Chervl Wheeler, Karen & Joe Costanzo, Cindy, Jeanne Johns, and Emily Sestack, Levi, Loretta Gorito, Kay Ables, Sean Pratt, Lionel Weir, Glen Mueller, Mary Lou, Gloria, Gail Bodie, Linda Mudd, and Dorothea Johnson.

Updates:

Diane Mellott. Recent tests results came back positive for breast cancer. She is scheduled for surgery Sept. 15. Let's also remember her daughter Renee Kinney as she continues to battle cancer.

Anna Brink had her stitches out Friday.

Jean Cameron has to wear the cast for two more weeks.

Jack Curnew had eye surgery Thurs. Aug. 17.

Jenna, a friend of Matt & Lisa Nichols, is struggling with addiction.

Tammy, a friend of Brenda Nelson, has been in Memorial Hospital.

Also

Let's pray for family, friends, and loved ones of our members who are having health and other problems. Let's not only remember those that are physically sick but those that are spiritually sick as well.

Let's remember to pray for our shut-ins and to call and send cards.

Let's pray for those dealing with family situations as well as work situations.

Let's pray for those of our number who are looking for employment.

Let's pray for those who may be traveling.

Let's pray for the work we help support in Sardinia, NY.

Let's pray for God's people that are doing mission work all over the world.

Let's pray for people the world over that we may all learn to get along with each other.

Upcoming Events (Lord willing)

Labor Day Sept. 04 Ladies Day Classes resume, 10AM at the building. Sept. 05

Men's Business Meeting after the morning worship. Sept. 17

Sept. 29-Oct. 01 Ladies Day. North Greece Road church of Christ. See posting.

Columbus Day Oct. 09

Sun. AM Adult Bible Study	1 Corinthians	<u>Trays</u> Today
Sermon Topic Today: What	at We Learn From A Thief	Diane Mellott
Scripture Reading: Luk	xe 23:39-43	
No Sunday PM Service		
Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study	Will resume Sept. 5 10 AM at the building.	
Wed. PM Bible Study	1 & 2 Samuel	

LADIES BIBLE CLASS AND "SSS" LUNCHEON

Summer is ending and it's time to start our ladies bible class again. Ladies, please join us for our first Bible Class of the Fall on *Tuesday, September 5th at 10AM sharp*. We will be opening the Word of God and studying God's promise of peace for our lives. All ladies are encouraged to join in the study as we deepen and grow in love for our Father, each other and His Word.

See Sharron Ganntt if you'd like a copy of the lesson so you can be prepared to join the bible study discussion. Lessons are \$3.

Also, there will be a "SSS" (Soup, Salad and Sweets) luncheon following the study. See Audrey as to what you can bring to help with the luncheon.

Attention Updated Phone Tree

Please pick up a copy of the new "Phone Tree" on the table in the back of the auditorium. It is dated Aug. 27, 2017. It is important to discard earlier dated versions.

Ladies

Please see the posting about "Ladies Day" at North Greece Rd. church of Christ.

Thank You

Thanks to all those that helped this past Wednesday night remove the old pew cushions and vacuum the pews. The new cushions were delivered and installed on Thursday.

Sept. Birthdays

Sept. Anniversaries 02 Charles & Heather Bennett Hello

Bill Kinney says "hello" to everyone.

Card (Posted on Message Board) Please see the card from Lionel & Bonnie Weir.

Please check the "Love One Another" and "Answered Prayers" boards in the back of the auditorium.



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