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Cursing or Cussing is ungodly

The first scriptural thought that came to my mind as I was thinking on the subject, is how plain I should be. Should I soft-peddle it, or just let the chips fall where they may. After much meditation and prayer, I decided on the latter as it is necessary at times to not beat around the bush. So, here goes! If this offends you, please forgive me. But stay away from the grocery store, school house, little league ball game, or the movies where you may hear more.

One of the first scriptures that came to mind is found in Colossians 3:8 where Paul told the Colossian Brethren “...**now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.**” You see, these first four things are prime causes of people allowing filthy communication to become habitual. The old 'hit the finger with a hammer routine' has produced many a bad word. This does NOT make it justified to curse.

After closer examination, I found a number of reasons why people find it necessary to curse and to use the Lord's name in vain. These reasons are really profound, so examine them closely and see if any of them may fit your case should you have a slip of the tongue:

1. Cursing always pleased my mother and lent itself to show my good upbringing and aided my parents good name.
2. Cursing in the classroom always meant I had a soap cleaned mouth, free of germs, followed by one on one interaction with the teacher in the cloak room which helped increase my vocal power and ability to sit still with mouth shut (?).
3. Using cuss words proved my powerful self-control and indicated how clearly my mind operated.
4. My conversation (using such words as putting D__ N after God and Holy C__ _ P always brought emphasis to my speech and helped to keep everyone's attention.

5. The usage of a filthy tongue always proved my extra amounts of higher education I received by finishing high school (where it was used daily), and it showed my college training had raised my cultural refinement and the number of raw R rated movies I was allowed to watch and X Box or Play Station games played for hours.
6. And, when the Lord's name was used in vain, it was my way of bringing honor to God by having some religious sounding words in my vocabulary. However, I forgot that it said, **"Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord in vain"** (Exodus 20:7). You see, this was my test to see if God existed like the preacher said. If I was chastised, then it must mean I was a son and not a bas___d (Hebrews 12:8).

While these 6 above renderings are at best *"tongue in cheek"*, it makes one wonder what other things could be listed to justify the usage of such vile language by children of God whom this article is written unto. I hope and pray that none of this fits any who read it. Another reason could be as one of my students told me in the classroom, *"...my parents talks like that, my whole family talks like that, my friends talk like that, and I don't see why it's so bad."* This statement was usually followed on my part by **"It will not be used or tolerated in my classroom. Bottom line!"**

The wise man Solomon said this about using filthy communication in Proverbs 30:9, **"Lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the Lord? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain."** Solomon was referring back to verse 8 where he was asking for help removing vanity and lies for him, and from being found guilty of making false claims and accusations, resulting in receiving cursing.

To the highest degree, let us include the third Commandment mentioned earlier from Exodus 20:7. This Commandment speaks of the misuse, or profane use of God's Holy Name. God's Name is NOT to be used in filthy communication by any means, but rather it should be used ONLY with praising, honoring and glorifying Him. Even just the name "Jesus" or "Jesus Christ" or just "God" has been infiltrated into bad language. They are being use singularly when someone is mad, upset, frustrated, out of sorts, etc... etc...

Our real problem may be our mouth and that thing called a tongue located therein. If you or someone in your circle of family or friends is having a tongue control problem, encourage them to read the whole chapter of James 3. We find there that it offends, turns a whole horse's body, teaches obedience, turns ships about (helm), boasted great things, kindles little fires, it is a fire, is set on fire of hell, tames certain beasts, birds, and others of nature, it is full of deadly poison, curses men, brings about envying and strife, and is

earthly, sensual, devilish, can make peace, and then lends itself to the best usage - blessing God, even the Father.

Again, I have meant no offense, so let us close with Ephesians 4:29 where Paul said, **“Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.”**

Two things which could cause bad words this weekend; 1. Eating too much and 2. Results of ballgames. Don't allow yourself to be guilty of allowing either of these or other causes to influence your communication badly. **“Think About It”**