

## Works are not a Criteria for Salvation

The Bible teaches us very clearly what is the criteria for being saved (or not being saved) which to be saved one must “know” Jesus Christ **as their personal Savior** and works are not what saves us (Titus 3:5; Ephesians 2:8-9). So, a person cussing will not mean you will lose your salvation nor keep you from being saved. But considering this, then **the person who is in the habit of using vulgarities and curses is showing their heart, and most probably is a person who does not know God or is a very immature Christian.** From the rotten heart proceeds curses and insolences, and this is exactly what a person who lacks the love of God in his heart has, a rotten heart. **He probably is not a child of God, and he more probably is a child of the devil,** and this character is very noticeable and easily identifiable by his language.

Romans 8:14 For all **who are led by the Spirit of God, they are sons of God.** Matthew 12:34 O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? **for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.** 35 A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and **an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things** (speech). 37 **For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.**

To understand the importance of not using foul language, not being aggressive towards others, nor speaking neither lies nor perversities, we must understand that the spiritual quality of one’s speech reveals what is really in his heart, because your speech reflects the soul.

Proverbs 10:31 *The mouth of the just bringeth forth wisdom: but **the froward tongue shall be cut out.*** 32 *The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable: but **the mouth of the wicked speaketh frowardness.*** (Forwardness is either wickedness or vanity, that which does not have eternal value.)

James 3:9 *Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith **curse we men,** which are made after the similitude of God.* 10 *Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.* 11 *Doth a fountain send forth*

*at the same place sweet water and bitter? 12 Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.*

James clarifies that this verbal evidence of what kind of person someone is shows **“what their character really is,” and this is seen by the quality of things that “flow from him” (in his speech).** An evil, unconverted and unsaved man can have his mouth very attuned to cursing, lying, and attacking others. But a child of God will never let words of this nature of character “slip out” out of his/her mouth (nor think them in his mind or heart). James also makes an interesting point. When a person curses another of God’s creatures who is made “in the image of God,” then he really is cursing God himself.

Matthew 15:11 *Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man.* The Jews were wrong to think that spirituality (or the quality of being a true child of God in a right relationship with Him) comes from observing dietary laws, but Jesus reversed this idea for them to teach them the truth. **It is not what you put into your mouth that makes you corrupt, but what comes out of it.**

2 Corinthians 5:17 *Therefore if any man be in Christ, **he is a new creature:** old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.* If you profess to be saved and have problems with cussing or verbal aggression, then has Christ really cleansed your heart? Are you really a new creature?

## What is cursing?

1 Thessalonians 5:21 *Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.* 22 **Abstain from all appearance of evil.** The idea is that cursing is to use words that express **an unhealthy desire for something bad to happen to another person or to label them with bad and worthless labels.** Cursing is a declaration that the person as the object of cursing is evil, bad, or no good. Many times, they curse in the name of God or even against God Himself, but God, as Judge, judges and curses the wicked. The person who cusses really wants to take God’s place as judge and condemn others. **Cussing is a way of looking down on the other person, or an expression of frustration with the situation**

(which is against God himself or even one’s mistakes), or more simply considered, **cussing is the opposite of holiness.** Many times, cuss words do not make much sense; they are just interjections that appear in the conversation without much purpose, apart from showing anger, frustration, or rejection of the situation. Many curse as a habit in their speech. Sometimes the words are **to impress others,** to show how evil you are (how “bad you are”), or to express your lack of enthusiasm for what is happening.

Colossians 3:8 *But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, **filthy communication out of your mouth.*** Paul indicated that evil speaking means **casting evil, hatred, and wrath on somebody.** *The idea of a curse comes from these emotions: **wrath** (violent passion against another), **anger** (indignation and fierce desire against someone), **malice** (depravity or something bad against someone), **blasphemy** (evil against another, especially against God for what God does in your life), **dishonest words** (dirty and vile communication).* Leviticus 20:7 *Sanctify yourselves therefore and be ye holy: for I am the LORD your God.*

## Words Vulgarity, and God

Psalms 73:9 *They set their mouth against the heavens, and their tongue walketh through the earth.*

There are people who curse freely. For them, cussing is something light, almost being just a joke. They curse other people on the street, cuss those they work with, or even curse their spouse and their children. **To curse or cuss is (usually) to say something to make fun of or insult people without seriousness.** God curses the wicked here on the earth and eternally in hell. Whenever you cuss or use the name of God in vain (or lightly), you are mocking the Just Judge and his judgment, which speech God has reserved for the wicked. No one can use this type of speech on God without God judging and punishing this person. Exodus 20:7 **Do not take the name of the LORD your God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him innocent who utters his name in vain.**

In the Ten Commandments, God forbids the profane use of his name. This means to use His name lightly in a daily discourse without the proper reverence for God. It is not a sin to use the name of God, but it is a sin to use it in vain (insignificant, with mockery and without respect).

**The idea of cussing is to use it as an expletive.** For example, you hit your finger with a hammer by accident, and you use the name of God or an expletive adjective as a curse for what happened. But why do you do that?

**Proverbs 30:8** Vanity and a lying word depart from me; Give me neither poverty nor wealth; Keep me from the necessary bread; **9** Lest I be satisfied, and deny you, and say, Who is Jehovah? Or that being poor, I steal, And blaspheme the name of my God.

We are made in the image of God, and just as it is a sin to use this kind of speech referring to God, it is a sin to call anyone else with a curse word.

**Ephesians 4:29** 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. **30** And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

The Christian is a person who always edifies others. **A child of the devil is distinguished by being a person who speaks ill of others, or curses himself, or blasphemes against God or others.** Which one are you?

**Ephesians 5:1-4** Be ye therefore followers of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, just as Christ also loved us, and gave himself up for us... But fornication and all filthiness, or greed, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for the saints; neither dishonest words, nor foolishness, nor hoaxes, which are not appropriate, but rather thanksgiving.

As Paul explained, with the force of a commandment of God, that we should not follow the world in our way of speaking but walk in the example of the love of Jesus. Paul identified what is not once to be seen among the children of God. His explanation is that this total prohibition "well suits the saints." The idea here is saints

should speak what is "dignified and correct conduct and speech for the saints."

## Wishing evil to fall on others

**Psalm 10:7** His mouth is full of cursing, and deceit and fraud; There is vexation and evil in his tongue.

Cursing is a bad habit, but many times it is a reaction to a bad situation, or because God or someone else has done something to you that you don't like. You say a curse. This reaction is not correct for a child of God.

**James 4:17** and to the one who knows how to do good and does not do it, it is sin.

The Christian must do what is right if he knows what is right.

## The Exemplary Life of a Son of God

**James 3:5-6** So also the tongue is a small member, but it boasts of great things. Behold, how great a forest lights a little fire! 6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of evil. The tongue is placed between our limbs, and it contaminates the whole body, and inflames the wheel of creation, and itself is inflamed by hell.

**Philippians 1:27** Only that you behave worthy of the gospel of Christ. . .

With the tongue we can do a lot of evil, and the son of God always guards his mouth so as not to fall into this sin. His conduct is something worthy of a son or representative of God.

**Psalm 141:3-4** Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips. 4 Incline not my heart to any evil thing, to practise wicked works with men that work iniquity; and let me not eat of their dainties.

**1 Peter 3:10** Because: He who wants to love life And see good days, Restrain his tongue from evil, And his lips do not speak deceit.

# The Vulgar and Foul-mouthed

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**1 Corinthians 6:9** Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither... nor revilers (foul-mouthed or abusive person) ... shall inherit the kingdom of God. **11** And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

⚡ A foul-mouthed person is someone who reviles or verbally abuses other people, hurling aggressive, abusive foul language.

We are not saved because of the works we do, but sin is what sends us to hell. What defines a child of God is that he has submitted to His will (essentially repenting of his sins and receiving Jesus as his Savior), and lives seeking it throughout his life (**Matthew 7:21-23**). Obedience distinguishes salvation, defines it. The vulgar mouth is an abomination to God, so much so that there will be no revilers in heaven.

**1 John 3:8** He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. 9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. 10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.