

Introduction.

College kid cussing in the car on the ride home for Easter.

My accidental cussing on social media.

My cussing struggle in college.

My cussing when I was woken up (because of my music).

Need.

We need to think through our language as Christians. Not just for those who cuss. The Christian life isn't just about not doing what's wrong, but its also about doing what's right. Some of us in here tonight struggle with the sin of saying awful words. Some of us in here struggle with conversations. And some of us just don't say the things that are right.

Bible.

What not to say:

1. Curse words: What makes them so wrong? (Ephesians 4:29)

- The "F" word is the worst thing you can do to/with a person out of marriage. Corrupt means "rotten" or "putrid." Opposite of pure.
- The "S" word is the worst thing that can come out of the human body. We're talking #2 here. Not pee. Pee is not the worst. Ron Mize changes pee into water for Nasa. That haven't done that with poop into food yet. And the "A" word is the grossest part of the body where the "S" word comes from.
- The "B" word. The is the worst thing you could ever call a woman. The word literally means "female dog." Why is that so bad? No girl wants to be called a female dog of course, but its even worse. A female dog walks around the neighborhood and basically other male dogs have their way with her.
- The "H" word. Hell is the worst place you could ever go. This word is not a cuss word, unless you use it flippantly and throwing it around. Hell is a real place, and Satan wants us to throw it around so that it doesn't sound like such a big deal. He knows he's going there, and he wants to bring down as many people as possible with him.
- The "D" word. Damn is the worst thing God could ever do to you. For God to damn is you Him sending you to hell. That word is used 15 times in the King James version.

- The “G” word. God is a word for worship and never to be used as an expletive. This is something so much a part of our culture. We hear it all the time, but the word God is to be set aside for worship, prayer, witnessing, etc. Try not to use His name in vain. (Exodus 20:7)

2. Sinful conversations: No filthy joking (Ephesians 5:3-4).

3. Communicating sinful attitudes: complaining, arguing, etc. (Philippians 2:14). You might think to yourself, I’m such a good little Christian. I don’t cuss, I don’t make dirty jokes. Okay, do you complain? Have you ever complained? Do you argue? Gotcha! God is even calling out our words on that.

Gospel.

Understanding how easy it is to sin with our words makes it even more miraculous that Jesus never sinned with His!

Jesus never said anything wrong. (1 Peter 2:22-23)

Jesus always said everything right. (Matthew 5:17)

Jesus spoke from the cross “Father forgive them.” (Luke 23:24)

Jesus spoke when resurrected “The Great Commission” (Matthew 28:16-20)

Jesus speaks today. Let me show you what I mean...

Why is talking about our words so important?

- God is a speaking God. He had a perfect relationship within His Trinity is eternity past. He spoke everything into existence. Genesis 1 “And God said, Let there be light.” Why did He “speak” everything into existence?
- Jesus is the Word of God. John 1 “In the beginning was the Word, and...” Jesus is God’s Word.
- The Bible is God’s Word to us (2 Timothy 3:16-17). “All Scripture is breathed out by God.”
- God speaks to us through Jesus (Hebrews 1:1-2). “In these days He has spoken to us by His Son.”
- Jesus speaks in the beginning of the end. Revelation 21:5 “I am making all things new.”

Life.

So what do we do?

Remember that God is a God who speaks. He created us in His image to be like Him. He graciously created us with mouths to speak. He created us to be like Jesus who is our Prophet who speaks into our lives. If we've given our lives to God through the gospel to live for Jesus, why would we not want to guard our words? Why would we not want to use them wisely? Why would we not want to bless people with them and build them up than curse people or bring them down?

Remember Jesus said, "Out of the heart the mouth speaks" (Matthew 12:34). Change your mouth by Jesus changing your heart.

So I don't just want to just tell you "don't cuss, don't tell any dirty jokes, and don't sin." God wants far more for our lives than not sinning, He wants us living for Him and not just against sin. So here are some words you need to make sure are a part of your vocabulary...

What to say:

1. Jesus is Lord. (Romans 10:9)
2. Dear Heavenly Father. Luke 11 and the Lord's Prayer.
3. I love you.
4. How can I pray for you?
5. I forgive you. (Ephesians 4:15-32)

"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer. (Psalm 19:14)

Ending Video: "Words" by Hawk Nelson