

EMPLOYERS FOR CHRIST: WINNING THE BATTLE AGAINST SWEARING AND BAD LANGUAGE

Definition: Swearing and bad language is the habit of using words that can be offensive to other people and include strong language, foul language, bad words, vulgar language and using God's name in vain.

KEY POINT: DO NOT TAKE PART IN INDECENT, FOOLISH OR DIRTY CONVERSATIONS

Baefeso 5:4 / Kwabase-Efesu 5:4 / Ephesians 5:4 "Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving."

KEY POINT: YOU NEED TO UNDERSTAND THE POWER OF YOUR WORDS

Jakobo 3:8 / EkaJakobe 3:8 / James 3:8 "but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison."

KEY POINT: BAD LANGUAGE BRINGS DISGRACE TO A PERSON AND HIS CREATOR

Mateo 15:11 / NgokukaMathewu 15:11 / Matthew 15:11 "What goes into someone's mouth does not defile them, but what comes out of their mouth, that is what defiles them."

KEY POINT: YOUR WORDS REFLECT WHAT IS INSIDE YOUR HEART

Luka 6:45 / NgokukaLuka 6:45 / Luke 6:45 "A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of."

KEY POINT: YOU ARE GOD'S TEMPLE AND HIS SPIRIT LIVES IN YOU

1 Bakorinthe 3:16 / 1 kwabaseKorinte 3:16 / 1 Corinthians 3:16 "Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst?"

KEY POINT: PRACTICAL WAYS TO WIN THE BATTLE AGAINST SWEARING AND BAD LANGUAGE

1. Realise that it is wrong to swear and to use bad language also using God's name when swearing
2. Repent of any foul language and God will cleanse your lips
3. Manage your anger and emotions carefully as this often leads to swearing and bad language
4. Realise that swearing and bad language cause damage to relationships
5. Remember that the Holy Spirit hears each and every word you say
6. Choose to speak positive and sincere words to people

REMEMBER:

1. Do not take part in indecent, foolish or dirty conversations
2. You need to understand the power of your words
3. Bad language brings disgrace to a person and his Creator
4. Your words reflect what is inside your heart
5. You are God's temple and His Spirit lives in you
6. Practical ways to win the battle against swearing and bad language

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