

SPEECH POLLUTION

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Speech is one of the most wonderful gifts given to man. It lifts us above the animal, enabling us to express thoughts, desires, commands, warning and love. Properly used, the ability to speak is a precious gift. Misused, it becomes a tool of destructive force in the megatonnage of Satan's arsenal. Cursing, profanity and all evil speech is spreading its poison across every segment of modern society. Profanity is the calculated attack of the evil one and his forces upon decency, respect for others and a verbal slap in the face of God.

VERBAL ATTACK GROWING: The forces of evil seem to be unanimous that it is now time to pour verbal filth upon everyone, everywhere. In public schools, both teachers and students seem to revel in filthy speech. Our Supreme Court removed the reverent reference of God in school but now His name is used in blasphemy freely in our halls of learning. Today's worst offenders are the entertainment crowd who have appointed themselves to reeducate and shock the listener. The movie industry can't seem to produce a decent movie and the TV crowd of producers races to fill American homes with verbal garbage. Our government seems to do nothing to limit and destroy this national disgrace. Other nations actually are affected by our words as well as our actions. Hollywood presents a sick picture of our Godly nation.

MEDIA ATTACK: The Lichter Rothman survey questioned 700 writers, producers and actors of the television industry. They are

shown to have no regard for the morals of 240,000,000 Americans. Their sinful lifestyle, disregard for holy things and lack of decency was revealed by their answer. 86% said they never or seldom attend church or synagogue. 84% said government should have no laws concerning sex. 55% said that adultery is not immoral. 95% said homosexuality is not wrong. This money hungry crowd, with their monopoly on TV programming, have decided to propagate their lifestyle as being representative of acceptable behavior. They use their media to ridicule and destroy the morals of the majority. Shame on the whole entertainment industry who tear down decency in our nation.

NBC AND CBS: Concerning the wide open profanity and evil content of the bulk of their programming. CBS wrote, "We are aware that the nation-wide audience we serve is made up of many segments with differing tastes and values. We make a conscious effort to maintain contemporary standards of good taste. Our programs reflect the realities of modern society, however, none espouses or condemns any particular set of principles or specific lifestyle.." NBC wrote, "All our programs are monitored by our Broadcast Standards Department in a serious effort to ensure their acceptability to the majority of our audience. We believe NBC turns out a program product that corresponds to contemporary interests and values while staying within the bounds of what the great majority of Americans regard as acceptable and proper." Not true! They regulate as they alone desire the content to be. Why did they stop "bleeping out" cursing and profanity even on the news? Who decided the majority of Americans enjoy hearing such filth or even use it constantly? The majority of our population does not constantly curse, drink, use drugs, rape, steal nor break the law. Most Americans do not climb into bed with just anyone as the "Slop Operas" picture. Most hate the unnatural acts of homosexuality and the deadly disease of

Aids, the result of such an evil lifestyle. Millions of believers hate the foul mouthed programming and have restricted their families viewing habits. Many others have pulled the plug and thrown out the whole TV which has vexed their families in seeing and hearing evil. Just like Lot in the Bible, many believers are waking up to the effect spoken and visual filth has caused in their once happy families. *"I will set no wicked thing before my eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me"* Psalms 101:3

EVIL SPEECH POISONS: Profanity has become a major sin of elementary students and a normal pattern for most high school students. When they spend more weekly time watching TV than they do studying in school, they are brainwashed into thinking profanity is normal. I am finding many Christian students that manage to hold their tongue in school but lose it after hours where the chance of exposure lessens. Upon reaching home they spend the evening where foolish parents seldom regulate what they see and hear. They bathe their young minds in filth, abuse and every manner of verbal assault. The networks cry against abuse while they allow the very visual and verbal trash that is proven to excite it. The minds and thoughts of this generation are being rapidly transformed into an insensitive tribe of beastly humans. They swallow their evenings entertainment of filth featuring murder, rape, booze, immorality and infidelity without hesitation or disgust.

Nearly everything is flavored with verbal filth and a disregard for all that is decent, high and holy.

PROFANITY IS GODLY CONTEMPT: It is a sign of mental laziness with deep seated insecurity or inferiority. It always shows contempt for God and others. It is the attempt of a feeble mind to express itself forcibly. Many use it to create the impression that they

are mature, masculine or virile. It spills forth in times of anger and reveals a lack of self control. It shakes ones fist in the face of God who denounces and forbids profanity. To many it has become such a habit they hardly realize how polluted they have become. *"By thy words thou shalt be justified and by thy words thou shalt be condemned"* Matt. 12:37. Those who use, "Oh my God" as a phrase of surprise are proving they don't know God as they use His name in vain. When I was younger you would never hear a woman swear but now on all the entertainment media it is common. Now teens and even children copy cat the crass language of today. How very sad to see the innocent beauty of childhood polluted because of the forces of evil around them.

CHARACTER DESTROYING HABIT: Profanity is weakness, false posturing, verbal abuse and leads to social and moral decay. It is a character destroying habit of evil. It is never good, right, proper, needed or ever appreciated. Its use leads to mistrust, lack of confidence, credibility and gives clear evidence of ones lack of self control. I remember a Military Character Guidance Paper that said, "The soldiers motto applies equally to his speech as to his weapon. **"Keep it clean!"** Having been in the military I can relate to that comment. Evil speech certainly is a weapon. It assaults, and pollutes all those whose ears are invaded with such filth. Using profanity puts you in the crowd of evil lost humanity who has no regard for decency. A foul mouth indicates a foul life. One's mouth gives evidence of a heart that is not right with God. Using God's name in vain is forbidden in the Word of God. *"Thou shalt not take the name of the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain"* Exodus 20:7.

CHRISTIANS MUST AVOID IT: The time has come for every Christian leader to cry out

against profanity. We must preach and teach the evil of foul speech and seek to shield Godly people from it's every form. Use letters and e-mail to cry out your disgust to the crowd who cheapen their communications even locally. Never allow TV programming that contains profanity, glorifies evil, ridicules decent family values, or educates them in the evil ways of the world. Our kids are too precious for us to allow them to hear it. Take a stand and God will bless you greatly. One teen in our church told me kids that normally swear do not do it around him. Praise God for a young man who takes a good stand that affects others. Don't try to ignore it but take your stand on the side of verbal purity. Walk away from those who use it and kindly protest to them why you object. You would not stand by a mud puddle being splashed by cars that roar through. You can even use their slip of the tongue to start a witness and get them thinking about the things of God. Stay out of the environment of filthy speech and choose friends that use better speech. Bible accounts show God has a holy hatred for defiling language. We all need to return to the Bible command, "*Hate the evil and love the good*" Amos 5:15. Bad language is never good and does not even gain acceptance by those who use it. Rather live above and beyond the norm of cheap polluting language and concentrate on "*let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, Oh Lord, my strength, and redeemer*" Psm. 19:14. Speech pollution is indeed a great evil and we should all cry out against it remembering "*Righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is a reproach to any people*" Proverbs 14:34. Remember HELL is the future prison of every sinner, not a curse word! DAMN is not God's last name but an action He will take against all sinners who reject His Son. All those who spout filthy language will have no place in God's pure Heaven above. Best advice... "**Keep thyself pure**" I Timothy 5:22.

Great verse to memorize and obey....

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