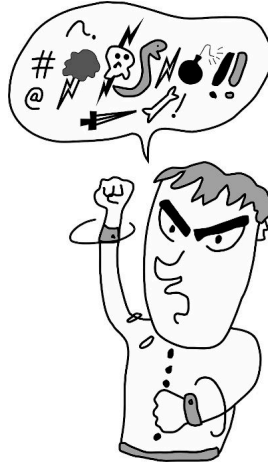


Swearing For Christians



Many Christians like to swear but don't want people to think they are actually swearing so they used "disguised" swear words and most people are fooled by this method. But is God fooled? These disguised swear words are also known as "minced oaths", which is a term defined as:

a euphemistic expression formed by deliberately misspelling, mispronouncing, or replacing a part of a profane, blasphemous, or taboo word or phrase to reduce the original term's objectionable characteristics.

Here are some examples of disguised swear words:

Swear Words

1. Jesus Christ! (used as a curse word)
2. Oh my G-d!
3. Damn it!
4. Oh sh-t!
5. G-d damn it!

Christianized Version

1. Geez!
2. Oh my gosh!
3. Darn it!
4. Oh shoot!
5. Gosh darn it!

Some folks may say this is "nit picking" but we are what we speak. If you really are a Christian then you should not want to act or sound like the people headed for hell all around you. You should be anxious to please God rather than offend Him. However, if you wish to avoid making hell-bound sinners uncomfortable around you then don't bother reading the rest of this article.

God would prefer that instead of using disguised swear words, we would use words of praise, encouragement, thankfulness and any words that would lift up the name of Christ and would be helpful and beneficial to the hearers... so that there is no doubt to the hearers Who we belong to and what His holy kingdom is like.

Here are some Bible verses that make it quite clear how important our speech, our choice of

words, is to God:

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."

Ephesians 5:3 - "But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; 4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. 5 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. 6 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. 7 Be not ye therefore partakers with them."

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. 36 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. 37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."

Romans 3:13 - "Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: 14 Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness"

1Corinthians 15:33 - "Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners."

Colossians 3:8 - "But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth."

Colossians 3:16 - "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."

Colossians 4:6 - "Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man."

1Thessalonians 5:18 - "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

Psalms 37:30 - "The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment. 31 The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide."

Psalms 71:24 - "My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long"

Proverbs 10:32 - "The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable: but the mouth of the wicked speaketh frowardness."

Proverbs 15:4 - "A wholesome tongue is a tree of life: but perverseness therein is a breach in the spirit."
