

PROFANITY

Profanity: to make unholy, to profane, to bring down to a common level, to show disrespect for, to dishonor, to speak irreverently, to speak lightly against, to curse, to abuse, to debase, to view as unworthy, unsanctified.

- I. Is possible to be guilty of profanity in many ways.
 - A. Not showing respect to God or to our fellow man.
 - B. Not showing respect to Christ, Holy Spirit, Church.
 - C. Not showing respect of our children, spouses, marriages, etc.
 - D. Note Lev 19:12, Ex 20:7, Jas 1:26, I Pet 3:10, Mt 12:37
- II. Specific examples of profanity we can be guilty of.
 - A. Curse words: (we give the following examples so that we may avoid)
 1. God - God's name used irreverently or lightly.
 2. Gosh, Golly - substitutes for the name God.
 3. Jesus, Gee, Gee Whiz, Christ - all used irreverently for Christ.
 4. Blast, Damn, Darn, Dang - curse upon another.
 5. Hell, Heck - other forms of Hell.
 6. Dad Gum - euphemism for God use in a mild oath.
 7. For heaven's sake - use of God's holy realm in a light way.
 8. Other 4 letter words too bad to mention.
 - B. Enjoying another's profanity.
 1. Dirty jokes.
 2. Dirty stories.
 3. Dirty comments.
 - C. Watching TV programs or movies where God or the holy is profaned.
 1. Just as bad to watch and enjoy as it is to participate.
 2. Most TV is unfit for Christian consumption.
 3. Most so called "comedy" on TV is unfit for Christian viewing.
 - D. Listening to music where God or the holy is disrespected.
 1. ex. MTV
 2. ex. Hard Rock Music.
- III. Ways to avoid profanity.
 - A. Think twice before you speak.
 - B. Walk away from dirty jokes, etc.
 - D. Turn off immediately dirty TV shows and movies.
 - E. Get up and walk out of room or theater where profanity is abundant.
 - F. Keep friendship with those who are decent.
 - G. Rule of thumb: don't watch any movie rated higher than G or PG.
 - H. Even PG-13 is not decent anymore let alone R, X etc.
- IV. Remember that we can profane others and relationships by our actions.
 - A. Marriage is holy: must not profane it by our actions or words.
 - B. Children are holy.