

The Plague Of Profanity

By Mike Riley

Are you as sick of hearing profanity being uttered as I am? We are exposed to it at the supermarket, over the back fence, and at ball games. It fills our novels, movies, and is profuse on television — in fact, it is a pervading evil influence in today's society.

The Bible Is Not Silent

The Bible is not silent on the proper use of human language. Paul wrote: "Let no corrupt speech proceed out of your mouth, but such as is good for edifying as the need may be, that it may give grace to them that hear" (Ephesians 4:29). The term rendered "corrupt" is the Greek *sapros*, akin to *sepo* ("to rot"). It denotes that which provides no good service. Our words in the presence of others ought to be such as build men up, rather than debasing them (cf. Job 4:4). Again, the inspired apostle wrote: "...but now do ye also put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, railing, shameful [filthy – KJV] speaking out of your mouth..." (Colossians 3:8). The term signifies that which is base, characterized by shame. As a result of their studies of the Greek papyri, Moulton & Milligan suggested that the word generally denotes "foul or filthy" language (Vocabulary of the Greek New Testament, London: Hodder & Stoughton, 1963, p. 14). In connection with Colossians 3:8, the noted Scottish scholar, William Barclay, wrote: "There can never have been a time in history when so much filthy language is used as it is today. And the tragedy is that today many people have become so habituated to unclean talk that they are unaware that they are using it" (Colossians, The Daily Bible Study, Philadelphia: Westminster, 1957, p. 184).

Profanity – An Invasive Influence

Profanity is such an invasive influence; it's a mind-maggot. It gnaws its way into the recesses of one's thinking, and, if harbored, will make its presence spontaneously felt at the slightest provocation. This is what happens when we allow ourselves to be unnecessarily and regularly exposed to its vileness. We may soon begin to "cuss" mentally, even if we don't verbalize profanity outright. "But we can't cut ourselves off from the whole of society", someone complains. That is right, of course. But we can attempt to minimize our exposure.



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Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 AM
Sunday Evening Worship - 5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening Classes - 6:00 PM.

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Welcome Visitors

If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you will consider joining with us. We are a growing congregation, dedicated to worshiping in truth and spirit. Please fill out the Visitor's Card and place it in the collection plate!

Those to Serve

Today

Announcements- Travis Rogers **Opening prayer-** Wayne Fowler
Communion- Rick Cook **Closing Prayer-** Damien Miller
Sermon- Don DeLukie

Next Sunday

Announcements- Wayne Fowler **Opening prayer-** Lyle Russell
Communion- Jerry McDonald **Closing Prayer-** Jacob Freeman
Sermon- Don DeLukie

Announcements

—**Mark Your Calendars:** June 7th, we will be hosting a **One-Day Lectureship** here at Sterlington. More details will be coming soon.

—**Check the bulletin board in the foyer for local events and Gospel Meetings happening in our area.**

—**Art Camp:** Art Camp will be held here at Sterlington Church of Christ on June 15-18th. See the flyer on the bulletin board in the lobby for more details.

—**Children's Home Collection:** Our congregation is collecting items for the Children's Home in Paragould, AR. Collection boxes are by the nursery. A list of needed items is in the foyer.

Scan the QR code to visit our website.



Please Pray For:

Christine Looney, Tiffany Tennessee, Joyce Frith, Barbara Wheeler, David Reppond, BJ Carlon, Van Martinez, Bill Schooley, Derrick & Katherine Simmons.

Needing Long-Term Prayers:

Jerry Atwood, Billy Granger, Rhonda Rogers, Blayne Atkins, Chuck & Shannon Boyer, Jo Darris Collins, Christy McDaniel, Joyce Moses, Debbie Walker, Carey Day, Leo & Shirley Goodwin, Tommy Franklin, Arthur & Sybil Binford, Dan Ross Jr, Dena White, Larry & Joanne Randolph, Bettye Flowers, Dave & Linda Garris, Sharon White-Ross, Bobby Barker, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross.

Bereaved: Families of Thomas Few.



May Birthdays

3 - Carol Fletcher	10 - Bettye Flowers	19 - Buddy Hollis
5 - Larry Randolph	11 - Jerry Ginn	20 - Jacob Freeman
9 - Rynlea Freeman	15 - Jerry McDonald	22 - Jeanette Henderson
9 - Eli Simmons	19 - Virginia Cook	24 - Linda Garris
		31 - Danielle Scharf

May anniversaries

21 - David and Elaine Reppond
26 - John and Jodie Chisley
26 - Victor and Donna Binford
29 - Dave and Linda Garris

