LIFE IN THE WORD SERIES:

MANAGING OUR EMOTIONS

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Ephesians 5:4

LET THERE BE NO FILTHINESS NOR FOOLISH TALK NOR CRUDE JOKING, WHICH ARE OUT OF PLACE, BUT INSTEAD LET THERE BE THANKSGIVING.

Biblical
PASSAGES REGARDING FOUL LANGUAGE:

EXODUS 20:7

ECCLESIASTES 5:6

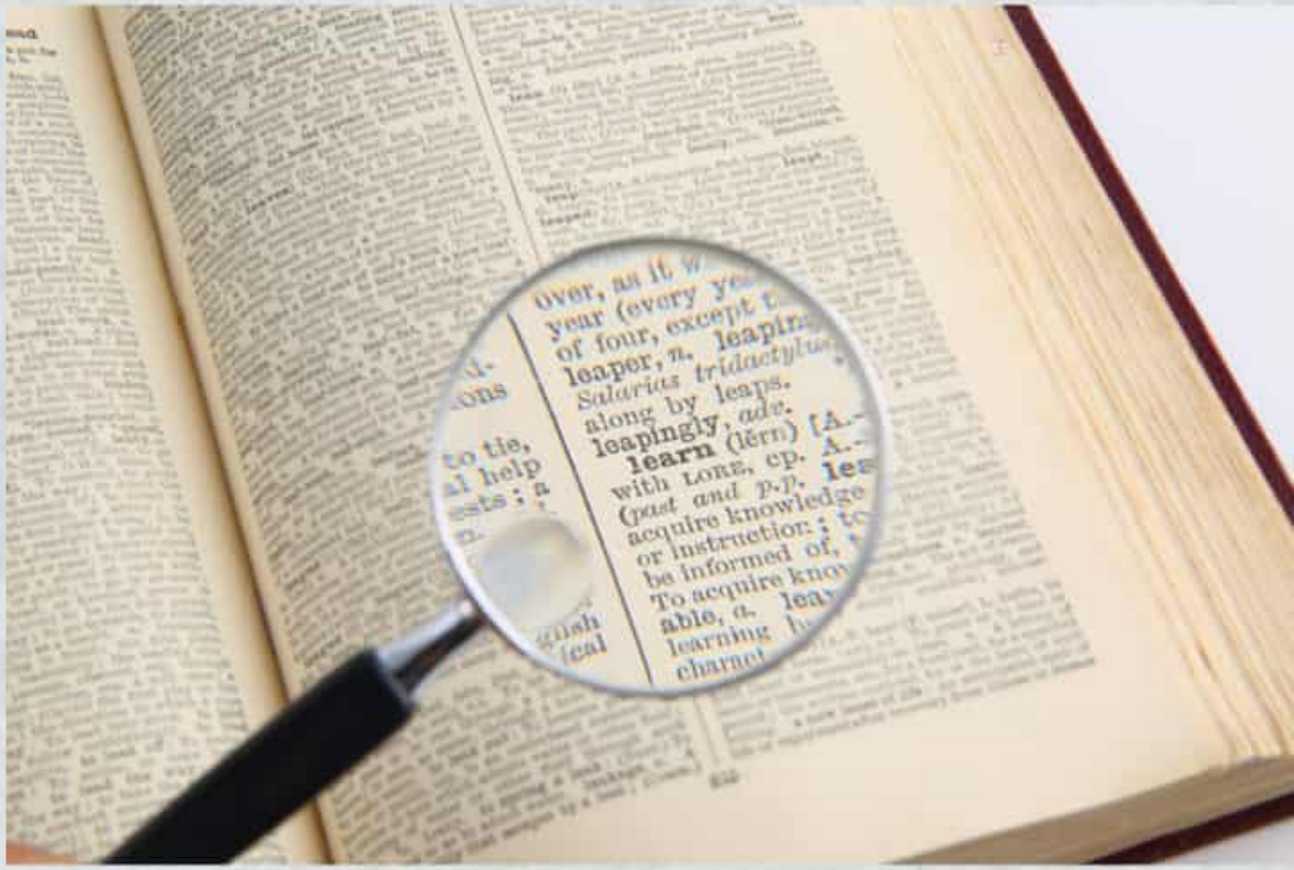
PSALM 141:3

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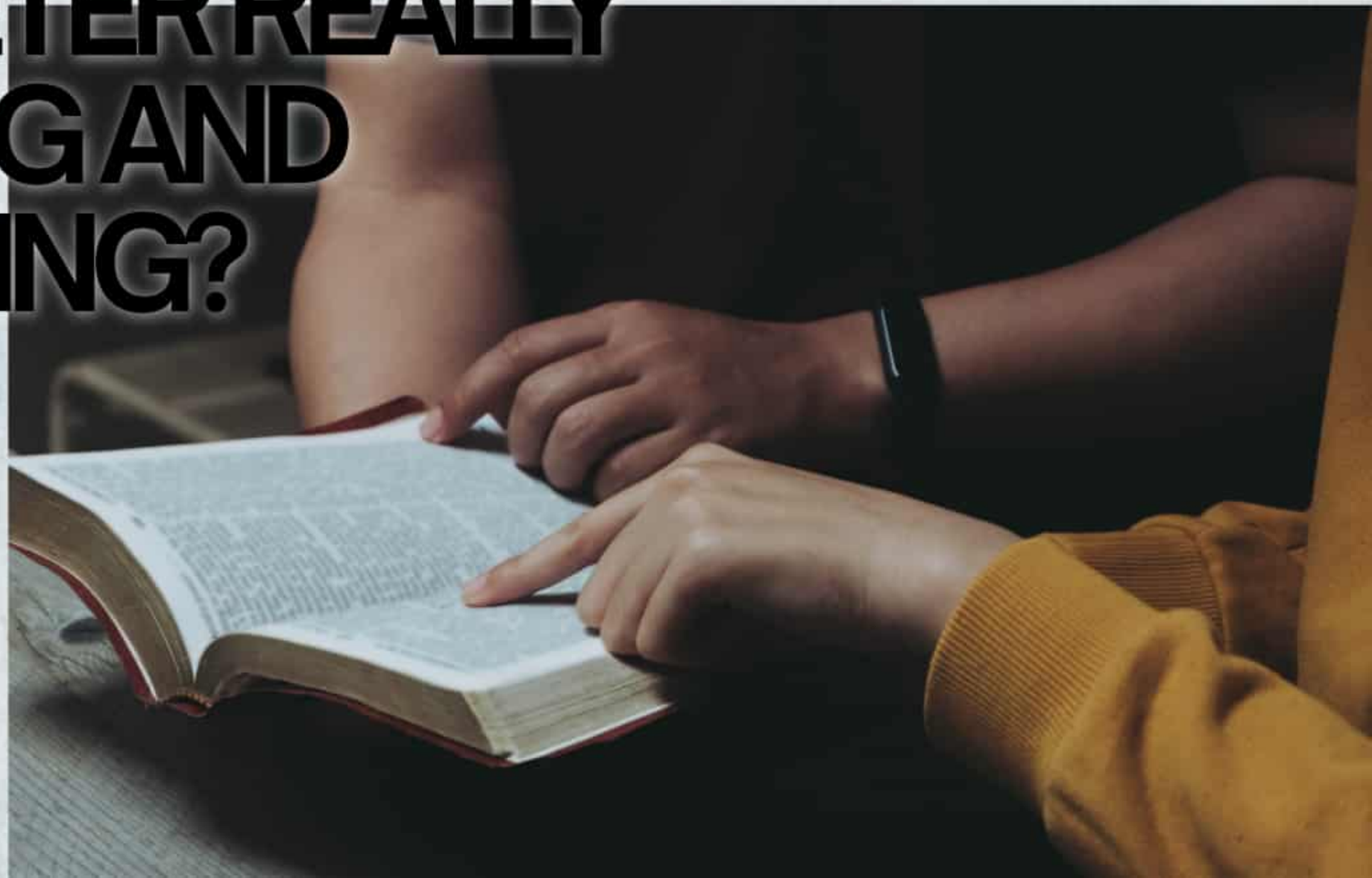
MATTHEW 12:34-37

MATTHEW 15:16-20

COLOSSIANS 3:8



WAS PETER REALLY CURSING AND SWEARING?



Matthew 26:72–74

BUT AGAIN HE DENIED WITH AN OATH, "I DO NOT KNOW THE MAN!" AND A LITTLE LATER THOSE WHO STOOD BY CAME UP AND SAID TO PETER, "SURELY YOU ALSO ARE ONE OF THEM, FOR YOUR SPEECH BETRAYS YOU." THEN HE BEGAN TO CURSE AND SWEAR, SAYING, "I DO NOT KNOW THE MAN!"

IS PROFANITY COMPATIBLE WITH CHRISTIAN VALUES?

FIVE REASONS WHY



FOUL LANGUAGE IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH CHRISTIAN BELIEFS AND VALUES:

1. FOUL LANGUAGE CAN BE OFFENSIVE OR HURTFUL TO OTHER PEOPLE.

2. THE BIBLE TEACHES THE IMPORTANCE OF GUARDING OUR SPEECH.

3. CHRISTIANS ARE TO BE A POSITIVE EXAMPLE FOR OTHERS.

4. LANGUAGE IS OFTEN CONSIDERED A GIFT FROM GOD.

5. REFRAINING FROM USING PROFANITY IS A MATTER OF PERSONAL CONVICTION AND SPIRITUAL MATURATION.

ACROSTIC: CUSSING – THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS

C – CORRUPTS THE TONE OF CONVERSATIONS
U – UNDERMINES RESPECT AND CREDIBILITY
S – SOWS SEEDS OF HOSTILITY AND OFFENSE
S – STAINS THE SPEAKER'S REPUTATION
I – INSTILLS NEGATIVITY IN OTHERS
N – NUMBS SENSITIVITY TO KINDNESS
G – GIVES VOICE TO ANGER AND BITTERNESS

THE HEART AND SPIRITUAL PRACTICES:

1. PRAY FOR SELF-CONTROL
2. MEMORIZE SCRIPTURE
3. ADDRESS THE ROOT

A WORD OF CAUTION:

THE USE OF PROFANITY OR FOUL WORDS CAN HAVE NEGATIVE OUTCOMES.



Five Ways

YOU CAN BREAK THE HABIT OF USING FOUL LANGUAGE:

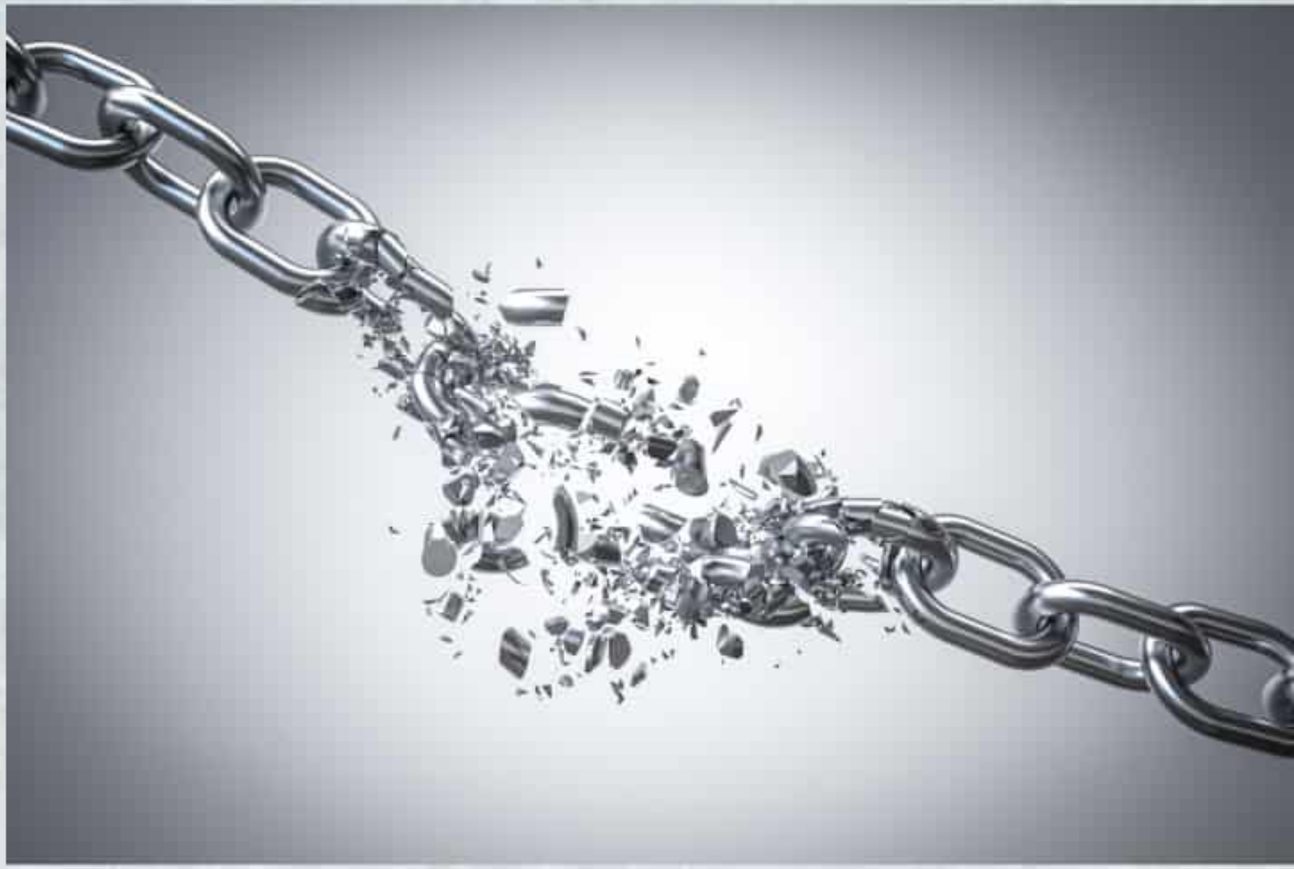
1. BE AWARE OF WHEN AND WHY YOU USE FOUL LANGUAGE.

2. WHEN YOU FEEL THE URGE TO CUSS, PAUSE AND TAKE A DEEP BREATH.

3. REWARD YOURSELF FOR NOT CUSSING.

4. ASK FOR THEIR SUPPORT

5. BE PATIENT WITH YOURSELF.



TWO BIBLICAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO OVERCOME FOUL LANGUAGE:

1.

Ephesians 5:4

SPEAK THANKS

PROFANITY IS THE SLIME THAT ACCUMULATES WHEN THE FOUNTAIN OF GODWARD THANKS DRIES UP.

2.

Ephesians 4:29

SPEAK GRACE

DO MY WORDS MAKE OTHERS STRONGER? AND DO MY WORDS "MAKE CHRIST MORE BEAUTIFUL IN THEIR EYES?"

Closing Prayer:

LORD, HELP ME REMOVE ANY AND ALL FOUL LANGUAGE FROM MY VOCABULARY.

HELP ME USE WORDS THAT HONOR YOU AND LIFT UP OTHERS. IN JESUS' NAME, AMEN.

Follow UP CHAT QUESTIONS:

1. WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT USING FOUL LANGUAGE AND SWEARING?

2. GIVE SOME SCRIPTURE REFERENCES ABOUT USING FOUL LANGUAGE.

3. WAS PETER REALLY CURSING AND SWEARING?

4. WHY MIGHT IT BE IMPORTANT FOR CHRISTIANS TO CONSIDER HOW THEIR LANGUAGE AND VOCABULARY IMPACT OTHER PEOPLE?

5. LIST SOME WAYS YOU CAN BREAK THE HABIT OF USING FOUL LANGUAGE.

6. WHAT ARE SOME NEGATIVE OUTCOMES REGARDING THE USE OF PROFANITY?

7. HOW DID YOU RESPOND TO PEOPLE WHO USED FOUL LANGUAGE IN YOUR PRESENCE?

8. WHAT RESONATED WITH YOU REGARDING TODAY'S LESSON?