

V. SEEKING GOD'S **APPROVAL**, NOT THE WORLD'S

“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.”

I John 2:15

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Four Reasons Why Public Profanity Hurts You Professionally:

- Profanity **alienates** people.
- Profanity can **hurt** your brand.
- Profanity isn't **effective**.
- Profanity is **unnecessary**.

“Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer.”

I Corinthians 6:20

VI. FOCUS ON THE **HEART**

“33 Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for a tree is known by its fruit.

34 Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

35 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things.”

Matthew 12:33-35

“Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.”

Philippians 4:8

TONGUE PIERCED
The Art Of Cursing
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INTRODUCTION

A. The words you speak every day will shape your life – positively or negatively. It's up to each of us to decide whether the words we speak every day will lead to life, success and positive relationships or death, destruction and painful memories.

“For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:”

I Peter 3:10

B. Tongue Pierced will teach you how to choose your words wisely to create the life you want. During this spiritual growth campaign you will learn how the words you speak transform the life you live.

Oct 4	Kick Off Sunday
Oct 11	The Power Of Words
Oct 18	What Your Words Say About You
Oct 25	The Most Important Conversations You'll Ever Have
TODAY	The Art Of Cursing
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Nov 22	Developing An Attitude Of Gratitude
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Dec 6	Words That Last

Come and hear these messages and discover how the Bible can help you to be Tongue Pierced!

C. TEXT: Ephesians 4:29 (Pew Bible/Pg. 1148/New Testament)

Corrupt means **rotten**.

THE ART OF CURSING

“Then he began to curse and swear, saying, “I do not know the Man!” Immediately a rooster crowed.” Matthew 26:74

I. GOD FORBIDS **FILTHY** LANGUAGE

“But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth.” Colossians 3:8

“Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so.” James 3:10

According to Nelson Searcy in *Tongue Pierced* (pgs. 152-153) curse words fall into two different categories:

- “First, there are expressions that use God’s name in vain.”

“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.” Exodus 20:7

- “The second category is mostly made up of words that are historically connected to crude sexuality or biological functions like waste elimination.”

“3 But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints;

4 neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.” Ephesians 5:3-4

II. QUICK TO HEAR, **SLOW** TO SPEAK

“So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath;” James 1:19

“Do not be rash with your mouth, And let not your heart utter anything hastily before God. For God is in heaven, and you on earth; Therefore let your words be few.”

Ecclesiastes 5:2

III. SELF **CONTROL**

“He who guards his mouth preserves his life, But he who opens wide his lips shall have destruction.”

Proverbs 13:3

“22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.”

Galatians 5:22-23

“Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.”

Psalms 119:11

IV. NO **“IDLE”** WORDS

“But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment.”

Matthew 12:36

“Idle” means **careless** or **worthless**.

These would include:

- **Lying** words (Proverbs 12:22).
- **Gossiping** words (Proverbs 16:28).
- **Complaining** words (Exodus 16:8).
- **Bitter** words (Ephesians 4:31).
- **Critical** words (Galatians 5:15).