

“Eliminating Profanity in a World that Embraces It”
Col.3:8

Why professing Christians must rid themselves of profanity:

1. Profanity can undo everything else a Christian has done positive for his testimony.

“If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless.” (James 1:26)

2. Profanity brings other people down, instead of building them up.

“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.” (Ephesians 4:29)

3. Profanity is inconsistent with the Christian life.

“With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God’s likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers. This should not be.” (James 3:9-10)

4. Profanity is a bad witness to the world.

“I said, ‘I will watch my ways and keep my tongue from sin; I will put a muzzle on my mouth as long as the wicked are in my presence.’” (Psalm 39:1)

“Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving.” (Ephesians 5:4)

5. Profanity ultimately shows what is in your heart.

“For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks.” (Luke 6:45)

“What goes into a man’s mouth does not make him ‘unclean,’ but what comes out of his mouth, that is what makes him ‘unclean.’” (Matthew 15:11)

“So, I admit that I use profanity. How do I stop?” Here are some suggestions:

1. Make yourself accountable.
2. Stop exposure as much as possible.
3. Expand your vocabulary.
4. Reward yourself for success.
5. Don’t give up. Habits are hard to break.

Closing Prayer:

“Set a guard over my mouth, O LORD; keep watch over the door of my lips.”
(Psalm 141:3)