The Trouble with Words

1. **Sins of the Tongue:**
2. Lying flattery, Talebearer, “You fool!”, Foolish talk, Whisperer, Boast, Course jesting, Backbiter, Revile, Evil speaking, Filthy speech, Idle words, Blasphemy, Dishonesty, Curse, Lie, Religious titles, False teaching… What vexes you? 2 Peter 2:7-8, the unlawful things we see & hear!
3. Consider INFLUENCE. 1 Corinthians 15:33. See your friends, you see your future.
4. Authority – Hallowed be Your name! Matthew 6:9. Colossians 3:17, what to do?
5. **The Name of God:**
6. Jews were so careful with the name of God (YHWH) that they would leave vowels out when writing it and only refer to Him indirectly, without ever using His name. We don’t know for sure if His name is Jehovah (Yahweh).
7. Proverb 30:9, using God’s name in vain is rebellion.
8. Exodus 20:7 (// Deuteronomy 5:11) – God will hold you accountable!
9. Psalm 139:19-20, Murderers would take God’s name in vain. Would / could we?
10. **Lies:**
11. I Peter 3:8-12, deceit condemned. Revelation 21:7-8, Hell is NOT good company!
12. **Swearing:**
13. Matthew 5:33-37, no need to swear at all. You should ALWAYS be credible.
14. James 5:12, say what you mean; mean what you say. God does that.
15. Matthew 28:69-75, Who curses and swears? Adults? Tough? LOSERS!
16. **Vain Words:**
17. Ephesians 5:6, they can cost us our souls!
18. Colossians 2:4, enticing words; 2Peter 2:1-3, feigned words–Know God’s Word!
19. 2 Peter 2:18-22, great swelling words of vanity allure through lusts. Wretched!
20. **Idle Words:**
21. Matthew 12:33-37, your mouth shows what’s in your heart. No “Freudian slip.”
22. **Speaking Evil (of Brethren):**
23. James 1:11-12, speaking evil, judging… things to leave to God.
24. I Peter 2:1, malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy AND EVIL SPEAKING!
25. **Light Use of Heavy Words:**
26. Jesus died to save us from Hell and rescue us from damnation, yet “go to H\*ll”?
27. Our words (and deeds) convey our thoughts & values to the world.
28. Marriage comes from God and is regulated by God, yet people talk about sexuality as a joke. Read Hebrews 13:4 very carefully. Absorb it!
29. Would we make light of God? Would we make light of our Savior?
30. Do we make light of why Jesus died? …life’s most sacred & intimate things?
31. What is the purpose / use of euphemisms for serious matters of great spiritual consequences?
32. **Euphemisms:**
33. ˈyo͞ofəˌmizəm/ - noun: euphemism; plural noun: euphemisms
* a mild or indirect word or expression substituted for one considered to be too harsh or blunt when referring to something unpleasant or embarrassing.
* The substitution of a mild, indirect, or vague expression for one thought to be offensive, harsh, or blunt.” Random House College Dictionary.
* (Died = “passed away”)
1. “In the U.S., people still say 'darn' or 'dang' instead of 'damn', and 'gee' instead of Jesus.”
* Read more: http://www.dailymail.co.uk/home/books/article-1310824/Blimey-The-rude-truth-euphemisms-UNMENTIONABLES-BY-RALPH-KEYES.html#ixzz4YWDIUoUi
1. “Have you used euphemisms to get away with blasphemy or anti-social ideas?”
* “Gosh, golly, and gee casually express surprise or excitement. But while this ‘folksy trio’ are informal interjections, they are also euphemistic alterations of the word “God” or, in the case of gee, “Jesus.” The use of gosh predates golly by about 100 years.”
1. God = Gol, Golly, Gosh Jesus = Gee… Damn = Dang, Darn, Tarnation
2. Hell = Tarnation, Hecks
3. **We are Known by Our Words:**
4. Romans 16:18, good words and fair speech can lead to eternal destruction, yet:
* I Corinthians 1:17, the Gospel doesn’t use fancy words or worldly wisdom.
1. I Corinthians 2:1-4, “hillbilly shrimpers” can preach the Gospel with confidence!
2. I Corinthians 2:13-14, you’ve got to WANT to know God’s Word for what It says.
3. I Corinthians 4:19, don’t let your mouth write checks your body can’t cash!
4. Jude 16, some people seek worldly advantage with their words, but we seek only God’s redemption, acceptance and blessing!
5. Matthew 12:37, when you fly the plane, “fly” it until it is completely secured.
6. **Summary:**
7. Please read James 3:1-13; it certainly applies, but we don’t have time.
8. I Peter 3:10, “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:”
9. James 1:26, If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless.

**WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?**

Hear The Gospel (John 5:24; Romans 10:17) Believe the Word of God (John 3:16-18; John 8:24)

Repent Of Your Sins (Luke 13:1-5; Acts 2:38) Confess Jesus as Christ (Matthew 10:32; Romans 10:10)

Be Baptized (Acts 22:16; Galatians 3:27) Remain Faithful for Life (John 8:31; Rev. 2:10)

**FOR THE ERRING CHILD OF GOD:**

Repent (Acts 8:22), Confess (I John 1:9), Pray (Acts 8:22)

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