

Bad Language

1. Guard your tongue (Psa. 17:3; 39:1; 141:3; Prov. 21:23).
2. Sinning with the tongue is one of the easiest sins to commit. The tongue is small but destructive (Jas. 3:3-5).
3. The tongue can be used for good or bad (Prov. 18:21; Jas. 3:9-11).
4. Bad language can be profanity: profanity (God's name in vain), cuss words, swearing, vulgarity, sexual innuendo, filthy/foolish talk, euphemisms (profanity-look-a-likes) etc. (Eph. 4:25 – 5:4).
5. Bad language can also be improper speech: gossip, lying, slander, anger, blasphemy, mocking, false flattery, boasting/bragging, unjust criticism, murmuring/complaining, etc.
6. We can avoid bad language if we will think first before we speak: think twice, speak once (Prov. 10:19; 17:27; Jas. 1:19).
7. We can avoid bad language if we keep a pure heart (Mt. 12:34; 15:18-20; Lk. 6:43-45).
8. Our tongue/words will either commend us or condemn us in the judgment day: the choice is yours (Mt. 12:36-37).