Why talk? - cont.

der, mock, scoff, ridicule, blaspheme, revile, etc.? Gossip, tale-bearing, and ridicule are wrong (Lev. 19:16; Prov. 11:13; 16:28; 18:8; 20:19; 26:20,22; Rom. 1:29; 2 Cor. 12:20; 1 Tim. 5:13; Jas. 4:11; 3 Jn. 10). Slander and backbiting are wrong (Psa. 15:1-3; 101:5; Prov. 10:18; 25:23; Rom. 1:30; 2 Cor. 12:20; Eph. 4:31; Col. 3:8; 1 Tim. 3:11; I Pet. 2:1). Railing, reviling, blasphemy, mocking, scoffing, put-downs, insults, and unjust sarcasm are wrong (2 K. 2:23-27; Prov. 22:10; Mt. 27:39-40; I Cor. 5:11; Eph. 4:31; Col. 3:8; I Pet. 2:23; 3:8-9; 2 Pet. 2:10-12). Contentious words are also wrong (Prov. 15:1,26; 16:32; 21:23; 2 Cor. 12:20; I Tim. 6:4). Some people use this type of language in order to build themselves up and tear others down (Eph. 4:29). Some people do because they are idle, to be in control, or to show they are "in the know" (I Tim. 5:13). Others do it because they are hypocritical (las. 3:10-11).

Friend, why do you talk the way you do? Our tongue will be on trial in the judgment day (Mt. 12:36-37). Our tongue tells other who we really are (Mt. 26:74) and our tongue reflects our religion, or lack of it (las. 1:26).

- Chris Reeves -

Sentence Sermons

- If Christ is kept outside of you, there's something wrong inside of you.
- Sometimes "friends" are just two people who mad at the same person.
- You will never learn to respect the sound of God's word until you learn to respect the silence of God's word.
- Let no corrupt speech proceed out of your mouth, but such as is good for edifying as the need may be.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.

- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

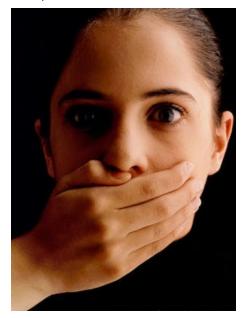
Whoso keeps his mouth and his tongue keeps his soul from troubles - Proverbs 21:23

Have you ever thought about why you talk the way you do? You may talk a certain way because of the way you were raised or your environment. You may talk to fit in with others. But, do your words violate biblical principles? Are you saying things that are sinful according to God's word, the Bible? Let's see.

Why do people cuss? Why do they use vulgar words, swear, or use profanity (God's name, four-letter words, etc.)? Profanity or cursing is wrong (Ex. 20:7; Lev. 19:12; 20:9; 24:14-16; Mk. 7:10; Rom. 3:14) and swearing is wrong (Mt. 5:33-37; Rom. 12:14; Jas. 3:9-10; 5:12). Some people cuss because they are angry and want to "let off steam" (Prov. 16:32; 16:27; 25:28; Gal. 5:23). Others do it because their heart is wicked (Mt. 12:34-34; Mk. 7:21-23), they want to get attention, or they try to "fit in" (Gal. 1:10).

Why do people lie or deceive? Why do people tell all kinds of lies or use deceitful language? Lying is wrong (Lev. 6:1-6; Prov. 6:17,19; 12:22; 19:5,9; Mk. 7:22; Eph. 4:25; Col. 3:9;

Jas. 3:14; Rev. 21:8,27; 22:15) and guile or deceit is wrong (I Pet. 2:1,22; 3:10). Some people lie and deceive to cover up their sin or wrong-doing (Prov. 28:13). Some people do it to "look good" with others (Acts 5:1-6). Some people do it because their conscience is hardened (I Tim. 4:2). And, some people do it to "get ahead" (I Pet. 3:10).



Why do people use innuendo? Why do people use sexual innuendo or other suggestive language? Foolish talk, loose talk, or obscenity is wrong (Lev. 19:14; Prov. 17:5; Mt. 12:36; Gal. 5:19; Eph. 5:4; Col. 3:8). Jesting (Eph. 5:4) and euphemisms (a substitute word for an offensive word) are also wrong. Some people use

innuendo to get close to real profanity without actually using real profanity (Rom. 1:32; 12:21; 1 Cor. 13:6; Eph. 5:11-12). Others do it to be funny, silly, or "horse-play" (Eccl. 10:12-15).

Why do people boast? Why do people boast, brag, or use false flattery? Boasting or bragging is wrong (Rom. 1:30; I Cor. 13:4; Jas. 4:16) and false flattery is wrong (Job 32:31-32; Psa. 5:9; Prov. 29:5). Some people boast and use false flattery to build up themselves (Rom. 12:16). Others do it to get "praise" from others (Prov. 25:27; 27:2; 2 Cor. 10:12,18).

Why do people murmur and complain? Why do people murmur, complain, find fault, unjustly criticize, or speak bitterly? Murmuring and complaining is wrong (I Cor. 10:10; Phil. 2:14; Jas. 5:9). Fault-finding or unjust criticism is wrong (Mt. 7:1-5; 7:24; Jas. 4:11-12). And, bitterness is wrong (Rom. 3:14; Eph. 4:31; Heb. 12:15). Some people murmur and complain because they are never happy or content (Phil. 4:11; I Tim. 6:8; Heb. 13:5). Others do it because they are unforgiving (Eph. 4:32; Col. 3:13).

Why do people tear down others? Why do people gossip, backbite, slan-