



West Side Window

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You'd Better Watch Your Mouth—God Is!

Words are just words. Right? How is it that some words can be classified as “acceptable” to speak and other words are “unacceptable” to speak? How can most words in the English language be normal, ordinary words but a select few be pulled out and deemed “vulgar” or “profane”? If God does not specify which words are appropriate and which ones are not, how can I know the difference?

Obviously, with words having different meanings in different languages around the world and in different cultures throughout the centuries, the Bible could not possibly list all profane words for all languages in all cultures for all time. But, God does categorize, in principle, words that He deems unacceptable, and with careful and honest study, “The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable” ([Prov. 10:32](#)). You know words that fit the following:

God condemns “corrupt” words ([Eph. 4:29](#)). These are words that are rotten, “bad, evil, unwholesome, in a moral sense.” You know words like this.

God condemns “foolish talking” ([Eph. 5:4](#)). These are words that are “foolish, dull, stupid.”

God condemns “coarse jesting” ([Eph. 5:4](#)). This denotes a “risqué wit” that utters vulgar or off-color jokes.

God condemns “filthy language” ([Col. 3:8](#)). “Filthiness” is condemned in [Ephesians 5:4](#) as a “behavior that flouts social and moral standards, shamefulness, obscenity.” In [Colossians 3:8](#), the focus is on “speech of a kind that is generally considered in poor taste, obscene speech, dirty talk” that is considered shameful.

God condemns words that “allure through the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness” ([2 Pet. 2:18](#)). These are words that paint pictures and lead to thoughts of “unbridled lust, indecency, wantonness” and illicit sexual desires and conduct.

God condemns “malicious words” ([3 John 10](#)). These are words that are “morally or socially worthless, wicked, evil, bad, base, vicious, degenerate.”

Knowing that God is aware of every syllable that proceeds from my tongue and that I will be judged for every word I speak ([Matt. 12:36](#)), my prayer should be, “Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer” ([Psa. 19:14](#)). God can and will help you!—David Sproule

Hello Dear Visitor

It is our wish to teach and live the gospel of Christ. Our aim is to follow the example of the New Testament church in word and deed, wanting to add nothing nor take anything away from scripture. If you have any questions concerning anything you have seen or heard here today, the Elders will be glad to speak with you. If you wish to wear a mask while here, please feel free to do so. Communion packets, contribution baskets and masks are placed at both double doors. Visitor cards are available in each seating row.

WE HOPE YOU WILL WORSHIP WITH US AGAIN

Upcoming Events

—November 9, Men’s Class, 6p

—November 13, East Allen County Church of Christ Youth Rally in New Haven, IN. See flyer

—November 18, Senior Saints, 2p

—November 20, Food baskets are being pre-packed and deliveries pre-scheduled.

*Thanks to all who have participated.
Now...on to Christmas Baskets!*



Services

Sunday Morning Class
9:30a

Worship: 10: 30a
(Also live-streamed)

**No Sunday Evening
Service**

Wednesday Bible Study
7p

Preacher

Michael Gors

Elders

Michael Gors

Gary Reynolds

Todd Stults

Deacons

Don Allison
Fellowship

Jim Clark
Visitation

Lowell Huffman
Media



Love. Grow. Serve.

Leaders in Worship

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Announcements: Gary Reynolds

Song Leader: Don Allison

Opening Prayer: Bill Smith

Scripture: Steve Gors, *Psalm 100: 1-5*

Lord's Table: Todd Stults

Sermon: Mike Gors,

"God's Call to Thanksgiving"

Closing Prayer: Jay Kellow

Sound Room: Lowell Huffman

Bible Study, November 10th

Song Leader: Gary Reynolds

Devo: Don Allison

Prayer: Bill Winemiller

The food item for
this week is
boxed stuffing.

Do you know of a
needful family? Sub-
mit their name to Cin-
dy or Jessica. Now,
Onward to Thanksgiv-
ing Baskets and a day
of sharing.



The Lord's delight is in
those who honor Him,
those who put their
hope in His unfailing
love. Psalm 147: 11

From the Elders at West Side

After much consideration, we have made the decision to withdraw from the "Bibles to India" Project, effective October 31, 2021. The local leadership, which was overseen by Elders at Town Acres COC, have also tendered its withdrawal. If you are personally interested in supporting this endeavor, you may mail your donation directly to:

The Eldership

Independence church of Christ

8543 Hwy 305

Coldwater, MS 38618

Please remember to include on the memo: India Missions /Joshua Gootam)

We join Towne Acres in praying for the continued success of this work and wish them Godspeed at every turn. If you have any questions about this matter, please see us. —West Side Elders

And Yet--

Think of it! He
knows me

Through and
through;

And yet, He loves
me,

Tenderly and True.

Arthur Rhinow

Choose the Good Part

Mary and Martha were close friends of Jesus. It was Martha's house. She apparently felt the need to care for the things of the house. She was "cumbered" or burdened down with much serving. She must have felt very close and comfortable with Jesus. After a period of time she scolded, "Lord, do you not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? Bid her therefore that she help me." Jesus responded, "Martha, Martha, you are careful and troubled about many things. But one thing is needful: and Mary has chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her" (Lk. 10:40-41).

Certainly having Jesus in the house was a blessing. Yet Martha was too busy to enjoy the blessing. God gives us a multitude of blessings each and every day. One of the greatest blessings of life is our mate, children, grandchildren and friends.

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Happy Birthday

Lonnie Ergle—Nov 7

Connie Reynolds—Nov 15

Steve Gors--Nov. 15

Mary Ann Bayer-- Nov. 16

Ann Witty—Nov 18

Lily Corcoran--Nov. 18

Delores Huffman—Nov 25

Rachel Chambers—Nov 27



Please Pray for

April Stinson, Cancer. Friend of Genny

Cliff Nicks, Recuperating from heart surgery

Cory Cross, Cousin of Kendall, Post heart surgery

Damon Summers

Daniel Montgomery, Recovering from a fall

David Sharp, Stage four cancer, Betty Kellow's brother.

Gordon and Brenda Huffman in Crossville, TN. Both Gordon and Brenda are now residing in long term care

Nick Hummel, Cancer

James Veillon, son in law of Joyce Colvin. Aggressive cancer.

Karen Jaromin, Neck and spinal surgery

Kathy Harper, Hospitalized at IUBMH

Kendall Clark, Receiving treatment for a blood clot in leg

Marty Gors, Heart catherization done this past Thursday with no blockages

Renee York, Shoulder surgery with several weeks recovery ahead.

Robert Hartley, Covid. Hospitalized with respiratory difficulties. Friend of Delores

Sue Rolland, Complications following surgery, Wife of former West Side preacher, Rick Rolland

Susan Cloninger

Tom Davis, Lung cancer and stroke

Choose
TO BE
GRATEFUL



Wresting the Scriptures

Mike King

The term “*wrest*” is seldom used in our vocabulary today, but was familiar to those who lived prior to and during the time of the early church. Moses first wrote about it when encouraging the people to not “*wrest judgment*” (Ex. 23:2, 6; Deut. 16:19). The word means to “distort, pervert, stretch out, turn aside or away” (Young’s).

David’s use of it caught my attention. As a spokesman for God, David was frustrated because he was honoring God’s Word, but his people refused to do so. He lamented, “*In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me. Every day they wrest my words: all their thoughts are against me for evil*” (Ps. 56:4-5).

Peter referenced Paul when he said, “*As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction*” (2 Pet. 3:16). It just so happens that Peter had been writing about the coming of the Lord and how everything was going to be burned. It appears they changed the threatening message.

We are in the throws of football play-offs this week. I see some similarities, simplistically speaking, between the Word of God and a football. Everyone is concerned about the safety and comfort of the players, but the ball also is subjected to rain, snow and abuse. Everyone is after it, wanting to grab, throw, fall on or abuse it in some other way. Actually, it is not the ball they want, but personal gain that comes through having the ball. Without it in the player’s possession, they cannot advance, no first-down is realized and certainly no touch-down made. After the touch-down is made, they throw the ball down for it has served its purpose and given them personal gain. They are not particular about how it is used; they hide it, use it deceptively in a fake play or hold on to it selfishly.

There are those who use the Scriptures for personal gain. It is used to win arguments for arguments sake. Often, it is used to justify an ungodly behavior by manipulating it (fake play) or “wresting” it to conform to their needs and wants, to make personal gain or to advance their cause. When finished with it, they dispose of it. When not willing to defend it or have it in their possession because of it attracting attention, they “hand it off” to rid themselves of it. We must carry the Word with pride, forthrightness and objectivity!

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However, are we busying ourselves with things that really do not matter? Are we busying ourselves with things we cannot lose? Does the house have to be absolutely perfect? Are some of the household chores we busy ourselves with really necessary? Are we losing memories which can only be made once because we are too busy in the moment to see the moment? Men are probably guilty of the same thing when they become workaholics and do not give quality and quantity of time to their families. Are we too much of a perfectionist about the way our homes look as it relates to developing meaningful Christian fellowship which can turn into deep relationships.

Our Savior said, “*Choose the good part.*” He then defined the “*good part*” by saying it was the things which cannot be taken away from us. We can lose our health and our money in the blink of an eye. What can not be taken from us are the memories we make for ourselves and/or for others. Are you too busy to enjoy life? Are you missing the most important moments of life because of life? God wants us to live life to the fullest. He wants us to choose the good part! **--David McDonald**