

Sins as found in Romans 1

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T X H W S R E K A E R B T N A N E V O C S N O S N T
Y G C K C Y E Y R S Y A G A C U L C I O C R W B Q S
V W U O M A L I C I O U S N E S S O X K H T Y K C I

Words to Find:

- Unthankful
- Unrighteousness
- Fornication
- Wickedness
- Covetousness
- Maliciousness
- Envy
- Murder
- Debating
- Deceit
- Malignity
- Backbiters
- Despiteful
- Proud
- Boasting
- Disobedient
- Coventbreakers
- Unmerciful
- Implacable
- Lust

Canceling Unkind Words

Gospel Herald

Most children doubtless have studied cancellation in their math classes. There is another kind of cancellation that can be used by all. For example, two boys were speaking of another boy.

"He is slow in games," said one.


"Yes," replied the other, "but he always plays fair."

"He's stupid in school!" said the first boy.

"But he always studies hard," answered the second.

Thus, you see, every unkind word spoken by the first boy was cancelled by a kind word from the second. Suppose the next time you hear an unkind word, you try to cancel it by putting a kind one in its place.

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Your Words

Bill Brinkworth

God's words, as preserved in the Bible, are always honest and can be trusted (Prov. 30:15). Our words, however, are not always truthful and cannot always be trusted; as all sin with their mouth.

"Word" is used at least 704 times in the King James Bible. Although most of those times it is referring to God's Word, we can see by the many references that words are important to God. Some of those verses show us what God thinks about what comes out of our mouth.

In Romans 1, where at least 30 sins are mentioned, at least fifteen of those sins can involve what is said. Some of the iniquities mentioned are those of: unthankfulness, debating, deceitfulness, gossiping, backbiting, pride, boasting, disobedience to parents, and covenant-breaking.

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The Builder Versus the Wrecker

Author Unknown

I watched them tearing a building down.

*A gang of men in a busy town;
With a "ho heave ho" and a lusty yell*

They swung a beam and the side wall fell.

I asked the foreman, "Are these men skilled?"

And the kind you would hire, if you were to build?"

He laughed and said, "Why, no indeed

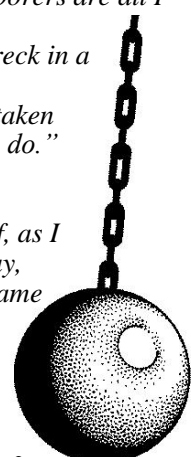
Just common laborers are all I need;

They can easily wreck in a day or two

That which has taken builders years to do."

*So I said to myself, as I went on my way,
What part in the game of life do I play?
Am I shaping my deeds to a well-made plan?*

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Your Words

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Although there are over 100 commandments in the Old Testament, the popularly known “Ten” include at least three commandments that can involve our tongue. It should be evident to all that our tongue can be used for good, or it can be used to sin. Here is some of what the Bible says about the words that can come out of our mouth:

Many sins are with the tongue. Our tongue can be behind some of our sin.

“Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.” James 3:5-6

“But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.” James 3:8

“He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him.”

Proverbs 30:5

“Thy tongue deviseth mischiefs; like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.” Psalms 52:2

“Who whet their tongue like a sword, and bend their bows to shoot their arrows, even bitter words.” Psalms 64:3

“A lying tongue hateth those

that are afflicted by it; and a flattering mouth worketh ruin.”

Proverbs 26:28

Also: Psalms 15:3, Proverbs 6:17, Psalms 73:9, Pr. 15:2, Pr. 17:4, Pr. 18:21, Pr. 21:6, Isa. 6:5, Matthew 12:32, Job 15:5

Be careful what the tongue says. It can, and should, be controlled!

“Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.” Psalms 34:13

“Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few.” Ecclesiastes 5:2

Also: Job 6:24, Job 27:4, Proverbs 10:31, I Peter 3:10

We will be accountable for every word we say!

“But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.”

Matthew 12:36

“The LORD shall cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaketh proud things:”

Psalms 12:3

“For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether.” Psalms 139:4 Also: James 1:26

There were times when Jesus, our example, knew to say nothing. Sometimes it would be best if we took His example and said nothing in certain situations.

“And he answered him to

“KNOW that if one gossips to you about another, they will probably gossip about you when you are not around!”

never a word; insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly.”

Matthew 27:14

The tongue can be used for good.

“And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.”

Colossians 3:17

“And my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness and of thy praise all the day long.”

Psalms 35:28

Also: I Timothy 4:12, Proverbs 14:15, Pr. 10:20, Pr. 15:4,

There will be a time when we all speak what God wants us to speak. Use it for His glory now.

“And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Philippians 2:11

Like the rest of our body, our tongue was part of God’s creation, when He created man. Its creation was not intended for us to use it to sin against our Creator. A saved person should strive to control what is uttered by their tongue. Some of the best advice for those desiring to please God and wanting to control our tongue comes from the old adage, “If you can’t say anything good, don’t say anything”.

An uncondensed version of this lesson can be found at: <http://www.openthomineeyes.com/Lessons/Words.htm>

The Builder Versus

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*Carefully measuring with a rule and square,
Patiently doing the very best I can,
Or am I a wrecker, who walks the town,
Content with the labor of tearing down?*

Be Silent

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It is a great art in the Christian life to learn to be silent. Under oppositions, rebukes, injuries, still be silent. It is better to say nothing than to speak in an excited manner, even if the occasion should seem to justify a degree of anger. By remaining silent the mind is enabled to collect itself and call upon God in secret prayer. Thus, you will speak to the honor of your holy professions, as well as to the good of those who have injured you, when you speak from God.

The Crimes of the Tongue

William Jordan

There are pillows wet by sobs; there are noble hearts broken in the silence whence comes no cry of protest; there are gentle, sensitive natures seared and warped; there are old-time friends separated and walking their lonely way with hope dead and memory but a pang; there are cruel misunderstandings that make all life look dark — these are but a few of the sorrows that come from the crimes of the tongue.

“The tongue is more to be feared than the sword.”

— Japanese Proverb