

# Bible Statistics

According to the KJV!

## Old Testament:

- How many books? \_\_\_\_\_
- Longest book? \_\_\_\_\_
- Shortest book? \_\_\_\_\_
- What book first mentions the Ten Commandments? \_\_\_\_\_



## New Testament:

- How many books? \_\_\_\_\_
- Longest book? \_\_\_\_\_
- Shortest book? \_\_\_\_\_
- How many Gospels? \_\_\_\_\_
- What book and chapter is recognized as the "Love Chapter"? \_\_\_\_\_

## The Bible Overall:

- What is the Bible's longest chapter? \_\_\_\_\_
- The Bible's shortest book? \_\_\_\_\_
- Old Testament book most referred to in N. T.? \_\_\_\_\_
- Most mentioned man in the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_

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## President Wilson's Father

Author unknown

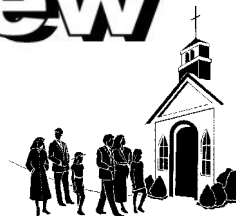
Woodrow Wilson liked to speak of his godly ministerial father, Dr. Joseph R. Wilson. Among the anecdotes he related of him was this: "He was once in a company of men where they were having a heated discussion. In the

midst of it one let out a profane expletive. Then, seeing Dr. Wilson there, he offered him an apology, saying, 'Sir, I had forgotten that your were present. Please pardon me.'

"Dr. Wilson's reply was, 'It is not to me that you owe your apology, but to God.'"

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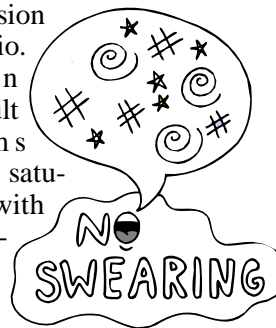
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## \*?##\* Is Not God's Last Name

Bill Brinkworth

Swearing is, unfortunately, too much a part of language today. It constantly pollutes the airwaves on television and radio. Children and adult programs alike are saturated with unnecessary filthy expletives.



Many teachers and other speakers, who were once expected to be exemplary speaking examples, now feel they need to include profanity in their vocabulary. Modern speech has digressed to a filthy "norm". To make matters worse, vulgarity has de-escalated to a lower level. Profanity now openly includes cursing with God's name included; usually as a suffix or an adjective.

When reprimanding someone that curses using God's name,

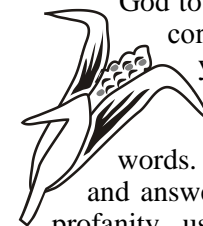
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## What He Asked For

Sunday School Times

One hot, summer day a young farmer came from his cornfield hot and tired. He took the name of the Lord in vain, cursing the cornfield for being such a grassy mess. He finally succeeded in cleaning the field thoroughly, the rain came, the sun shone, but the field of corn refused to grow as it should. When harvest time came the farmer complained that he did not make enough corn to pay the fertilizer bill. His Christian wife calmly asked, "Didn't you ask

God to damn that field of corn?" Then the young fellow repentantly remembered his words. God does hear and answer us, and if many profanity users realized just what they were asking for, I believe they would be a little more careful.



"Speech is a mirror of the soul: as a man speaks, so is he." — Syrus

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they usually retort, "I didn't mean anything by using it!"

"Exactly, what the Bible says not to do," I usually respond. At this point they often look a little confused, as few know what the Bible says. I then explain what the third of the Ten Commandments means: "Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain." Exodus 20:7

The word "vain", according to Webster's 1828 dictionary, means "empty, worthless; having no substance, value, or importance." Exodus 20:7 commands us not to take God's name lightly, and without meaning. That is exactly what they are doing when they curse using God's name in their profanity.

Besides, who actually believes that they do not mean it when they curse with God's name included? If I swore every time I was angry or hurt myself using your wife's or mother's name before the filthy word, you would certainly get the message that I really did not respect them. After several filthy expletives using your loved one's name you would, (or should), get mad at me for using their name in such a degrading manner. You may even want to take a swing at me

for showing hatred against one you cared for. In like manner, God also does take it seriously when you cuss, especially using his name vainly. The third command also states that anyone that uses the Lord's name vainly will be found guilty for using it! Gulp!

One of the best illustrations for using God's name respectfully is learned from the example of the early scribes who helped keep exact copies of the Bible. As the old copies were worn out, new ones had to be re-copied. Printing presses were not invented yet, and the only means of preservation was by re-writing it by hand. When the scribes came to God's name, they had such respect for His name and would not take it lightly, that they threw out the quilled pen they were using. They reached for a new quill and took their "pen knife", (that is where the term comes from today) and carved it into a new sharp writing instrument. It was with this new pen, that they wrote His name. They had such reverence for God's name that they would only use the best and newest pen to record His name.

To this day, many Jewish writers still have such respect for God's name that when they pen it they will not even spell it out fully. They write it as "G\_d". This attitude of the past toward

respecting God has certainly gone downhill to what most verbalize today.

It is not necessary to define one's anger or displeasure further with a filthy word, as the ungodly world does. We can respond with simply a "yes", or "no" as the Bible commands: "But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil." Matthew 5:37

One's vocabulary should certainly be more developed than one that has to resort to only using four-lettered words. Above all, one should never use God's name vainly. His last name is not a filthy word.

## The Ruined Boy

Good News Digest

Josiah Wedgewood, maker of the famous Wedgewood pottery, one day showed a nobleman through the factory. A boy who was an employee of the factory accompanied them. The nobleman was profane and vulgar.

At first, the boy was shocked by the nobleman's irreverence. Then he became fascinated by his coarse jokes and laughed heartily. Mr. Wedgewood was distressed. At the conclusion of the tour, he showed the nobleman a vase of unique design. The man was charmed with its exquisite shape and rare beauty.

As he reached for it. Mr. Wedgewood designedly let it fall to the floor. The nobleman uttered an angry oath. "I wanted that vase for my collection," he

said, "and you have ruined it by your carelessness!"

Mr. Wedgewood answered,

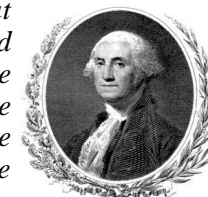


"Sir, there are other ruined things more precious than a vase, howsoever valuable, which can never be restored. You can never give back to that boy, who has just left us, the reverence for sacred things which his parents have tried to teach him for years! You have undone their labor in less than half an hour!"

## What Would George Say Now?

An order from George Washington's Orderly Book of August 3, 1776, read:

*"The general is sorry to be informed that the foolish and wicked practice of profane swearing, a vice hitherto little known in the American army, is growing into fashion; he hopes the officers will by example as well as influence endeavor to check it, and that both they and the men will reflect that we can have little hope of the blessing of heaven on our arms if we insult it by our impiety and profanity. Added to this, it is a vice so mean and low, without temptation, that every man of sense and character detests and despises it."*



**"Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles." — Proverbs 21:23**