

Divin' In – Wednesday Night Bible Study

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“Sarcasm can actually be a form of contempt, the feeling that something (or someone) is vile or worthless. It can also take the form of eye-rolling, mimicking, and hostile humor – absolute poison to a marriage.”

– confessions of a wife from “I Do Every Day,” from Family Life, 3/23/24

SARCASM

(Satire is the use of irony or ridicule to expose foolishness, but without the “bite” of sarcasm. Satire is gentler; sarcasm is more derisive and sneering.)



Titus 1:10a,3:2 NLT

“For there are many **rebellious** people who engage in useless talk and deceive others.... [believers] must not slander anyone and must avoid **quarreling**. Instead, they should be gentle and show true **humility** to everyone.”

1 Peter 4:8 AMP

“Above all, have fervent and unfailing **love** for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins [it overlooks unkindness and unselfishly seeks the **best** for others].”

Job 4,5,8,11,15,18,22,25 & 42:7

[Eliphaz, Zophar, and Bildad responses to Job] “After the Lord had spoken these words to Job, the Lord said to Eliphaz the Temanite: ‘My **anger** burns against you and against your two friends, for you have not spoken of me what is **right**, as my servant Job has.’”

1 Corinthians 4:8-14 ESV [SATIRE VS. SARCASM]

“Already **you** have all you want! Already **you** have become rich! Without us **you** have become kings! And would that **you** did reign, so that we might share the rule with **you**! For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men. We are fools for Christ’s sake, but **you** are wise in Christ! We are weak, but **you** are strong. **You** are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are poorly dressed and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we entreat. We have become, and are still, like the **scum** of the world, the **refuse** of all things. I do not write these things to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children.”

Matthew 5:22 NLT+

[JESUS] “But I say, if you are angry with someone without good cause, you are subject to judgment! If you call someone an **idiot**, you are in danger of being brought before the high council. And if you curse someone, you are in danger of burning in the fires of hell itself!”

Ephesians 4:11-15 NLT

“Now these are the **gifts** Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their **responsibility** is to **equip** God’s people to do His work and build up the church, the body of Christ. This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God’s Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ. Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won’t be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be **influenced** when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of His body, the church.

So we make sure....to think about the qualities we admire in each other. Over time, focusing energy (inwardly and outwardly) on....positive traits and behaviors, nourishing (any) relationship – slows the speed on sarcasm “slipping out.”