

# *A Change Is Coming*

Dear readers,

We thank God that he has allowed us to post weekly sermons for many years. Hundreds of people have read these lessons from God's word.

Because Bob hopes to reduce his preaching schedule soon, the Lord willing, we shall be changing the format accordingly.

Rather than posting a weekly sermon, Bob plans to begin featuring a one page, mini-lesson on a once or twice weekly basis. On the next page is our first sample. There might be more in August. We always appreciate and welcome your comments.

# Seven words that can change the world

Seven short words. Twenty-four letters total. They take three seconds to say. Less energy than a grunt. This “magnificent” seven could prevent costly lawsuits and thwart revenge. They would halt most arguments and feuds. Even top international and ethnic disputes. Employees and employers would benefit. Married couples could enjoy cozier nights.

In any context and in any group of people, those seven words work powerfully. Quickly and correctly saying the seven improves our sleep, our digestion, and even our play. Drug companies would see sales sag. Doctors could take days off. Parents reconcile with their kids. Divided spouses could join hands and hug.

If this twenty-four-letter combination works so effectively, why don't we voice it? Refusal to say them compromises our own health.

Why don't we speak those seven words? Vanity muzzles us I suspect. We'd rather suffer broken relationships, and put ourselves and our loved ones through agony than suffer the humiliation of admitting that we've erred.

What are these seven powerful words? I list them praying that all of us will have the courage to utter them, especially when pride creates stiff-necked, cocksure attitudes in us.

The seven are: “I am sorry. Will you forgive me?”

“Confess your sins to one another,  
and pray for one another that you may be healed.”

James 5:16.

Bob Blair

