

“Cursing is evidence that you have a limited vocabulary.”

– Ollie Pearl Holmes

Coarsening of our Language



Acts 5:3-4 NLT

“Then Peter said, ‘Ananias, why have you let Satan fill your heart? You lied to the **Holy Spirit**, and you kept some of the money for yourself. The property was yours to sell or not sell, as you wished. And after selling it, the money was also yours to give away. How could you do a thing like this? You weren’t lying to us but to God!’”

Isaiah 55:7 NLT

“Let the wicked change their ways and **banish** (from their minds) the very **thought** of doing wrong. Let them turn to the Lord that He may have mercy on them. Yes, turn to our God, for He will forgive generously.”

1 Samuel 16:7 LSB

“But Yahweh said to Samuel, ‘Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward **appearance**, but Yahweh looks at the **heart**.’”

Proverbs 6:16-19 CSB

“The Lord hates six things; in fact, seven are detestable to Him: (1) **arrogant** eyes, (2) a **lying** tongue, (3) hands that shed innocent blood, (4) a **heart** that plots wicked schemes, (5) feet eager to run to evil, (6) a **lying** witness who gives false testimony, and (7) one who stirs up trouble among brothers.”

Revelation 4:1,8 CSB

“After this I looked, and there in heaven was an open door. The first voice that I had heard speaking to me like a **trumpet** said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.”Each of the four living creatures had six wings; they were covered with eyes around and inside. Day and night they never stop, saying, “**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God, the Almighty, who was, who is, and who is to come.**”

1 Peter 1:13-15 NLT+

“So think clearly, and exercise self-control. And again, look forward to this undeserved rescuing, this gracious **salvation** that WILL COME TO YOU when Jesus, the Christ, is revealed to the world. You MUST, therefore, live as God’s **OBEDIENT** children. Don’t slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires. In the past you did not have the **understanding** you have now, so you did the evil things you wanted to do. But NOW you are children of GOD, so you should obey HIM and NOT live the way you did before. NOW, you MUST be holy, HOLY in **EVERYTHING** you do, just as God who chose you is holy.”

1 Peter 1:16-19 NLT+

“For the Scriptures say, [God says, in Leviticus 11, QUOTE], ‘**You must be holy, because I am holy.**’” [UNQUOTE] And remember that the heavenly Father to whom you pray has no **favorites**. Through Jesus HE WILL judge or reward you according to what you DO! So you must live in reverent fear of Him during your time as ‘foreigners in this land.’ For you know that God paid a **RANSOM** to rescue you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And the ransom HE paid, was not mere gold or silver. But rather, it was THE precious **blood** of the Christ, THE sinless, spotless Lamb of God.”

Ephesians 4:29 AMP

“Do not let unwholesome [foul, profane, worthless, vulgar] **words** ever come out of your mouth, but only such speech as is **good** for building up others, according to the need and the occasion, so that it will be a **blessing** to those who hear [you speak].”

James 1:26-27 CSB

“If anyone thinks he is religious without **controlling** his tongue, his religion is useless and he **deceives** himself. Pure and undefiled religion before God the Father is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself **unstained** from the world.”