# Who Are You? Your Words Tell!

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## INTRODUCTION

- I want to talk about an age-old problem. And that is, divorcing behavior from faith.
- I worship among the Lord's people three times a week, but I may just walk out these doors and really give faith not another thought.

## 1 Behavior Matters

**James 1:26**

- We've all seen examples and been guilty at times in our own lives of not displaying behavior consistent with our profession of faith. Behavior matters.
- If we do not control our bridle our tongues, then our religion is what? It is vain. Useless.
- I want to emphasize in this point that behavior matters in relationships.
- Conduct in the home matters. Or when you take home on the road. It matters.

## 2 Words Matter

**1 Timothy 4:12**

- Words matter. People sitting in pews like this are using more profanity than they ever have. I wonder about that.
- In the midst of moments of anger, that some who claim to be loyal to Christ will fire expletive after expletive after expletive.
- Should that kind of thing ever characterize you? Or me.
- Why would Christians employ words like that? It's despicable.
- Our mouths reveal our motives, and I'll tell you even further what our mouths reveal, whether we are spiritual or carnal.

## 3 Five Passages to Help Your Speech

**Ephesians 4:29; Matthew 12:35–37; Ephesians 5:3–5**

- Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth. You're in control here.
- And I say to you that every careless word that men shall speak. You'll render account. God cares about our words.
- For by your words you shall be justified, and by your words you shall be condemned.
- There must be no filthiness and silly talk or coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.
- We need to hold our speech to the same standard to which we hold our bodies when it comes to immorality.
- Put aside anger and wrath and malice, slander and abusive speech from your mouth.

## 4 Blasphemy and Profane Words

**Matthew 6:9**

- Using the name of the Lord. Any person of the Godhead in a flippant or casual way.
- To use the name of God as an adjective. So very disrespectful to who he is.
- The list of profane words hasn't changed. They're still profane.

## 5 An Environment Where Profanity Is Being Used

**Ephesians 5:7–11; Philippians 4:8**

- Look, it's not your French I'm worried about, it's your English. You answer to God.
- Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them.
- I think it happens on the basis of what we're watching and listening to on a regular basis.

## 6 Euphemisms and Anger

- You are more susceptible to sin with the tongue when you're angry, because your spirit is already moving in a direction that is out of control.
- How hard is it to use unquestionably clear speech?
- Make sure if you have a go-to word that you absolutely need to exclaim when things go awry, that it is not impure.

THE CHALLENGE

Is there someone in this audience tonight who needs to make that choice and decision to live as a Christian every day, to come to the Lord and be his child while there's time and opportunity?

MY NOTES