## "Profane And Idle Babblings" By Kirk Hunt

But shun profane and idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness. And their message will spread like cancer. Hymenaeus and Philetus are of this sort

2 Timothy 2:16–17 NKJV

It was not that long ago that cursing and foolish talk was a negative. Men and women would demonstrate their education, or refinement, by speaking in words and phrases that you would proudly repeat to others. It seems now that profane and idle babblings pervades throughout society and sadly the Church.

Foul language and foolishness are ugly, coming from unbelievers. Such things are especially foul, coming from those who call themselves Christians. Christians are called <u>to be a peculiar</u> <u>people</u>. In this case peculiar refers to careful conduct that puts a positive light on Christ and fellow Christians.

All Christians are a witness regarding Jesus Christ. Do you testify to the purity and grace of Jesus? Does your conduct and speech draw, or repel, non-believers?

Holding yourself to a higher, purer form of conduct and communication will make you stand out. Trust me, they will notice. Do they wait eagerly for you to slip up? Some, yes.

What comes out of your mouth may not be cursing, per se. You can speak the absolute truth with hurtful intent and wicked motives. <u>Deliberately, or thoughtlessly, injuring others with your words is just as wicked and sinful as anything else</u>.

- **Think:** Is my life and conduct profane or pious? Am I thoughtful or thoughtless when I speak?
- **Pray:** "Lord, help me to be a good witness of You."

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