

“STRONG FAMILIES: TAKING GOD SERIOUSLY”

Introduction: THE SECOND COMMANDMENT

Exodus 20:17 (God): “You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.”

Martin Luther: What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

WHAT IS IN A NAME? THREE THINGS...

1. A name represents your _____.
2. A name represents your _____.
3. A name represents your _____.

FOUR WAYS WE CAN MISUSE GOD'S NAME

1. USING GOD'S NAME TO _____.
 - This includes _____.
 - People swear because they lack _____.
 - To discipline your speech takes _____.
2. USING GOD'S NAME TO _____.
 - The pros at this are TV _____.
 - Parents will threaten their _____.
 - Using someone else's name is called _____.
3. USING GOD'S NAME TO _____.
 - Insecure believers use a lot of _____.
 - Believers need to be _____.

Titus 1:16 (NIV) “They claim to know God but by their actions they deny Him.”

4. USING GOD'S NAME _____.
 - Don't use God's name as an _____ point!

- You can worship _____ and sin.

Isaiah 29:13 (NIV) “These people worship Me with their lips... but their hearts are far from Me.”

- We often pray with _____ words.

Matthew 6:7 (TEV) “When you pray, don’t use a lot of meaningless words.”

Exodus 20:7 “I the Lord will punish anyone who misuses My name.”

THREE WAYS TO USE GOD’S NAME CORRECTLY

1. R _____ GOD’S NAME CONTINUALLY

Psalms 29:2 (NIV) “Give to the Lord the glory due His name.

- Don’t set through and pay for _____.
- Garbage ____, garbage _____.
- Love for God’s name demands _____.
- Strong families learn to know _____.

Psalms 9:10 (NIV) “Those who know Your name will trust in you...”

2. R _____ GOD’S NAME CLEARLY

II Timothy 2:19 (LB) “A person who calls himself a Christian should not be doing things that are wrong.”

- Your _____ needs to match your _____.
- Two reasons many people never come to Christ.
 1. They never met a _____.
 2. They met a Christian in _____.
- Watered-down cussing includes _____.

Colossians 3:17 (NIV) “Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus.”

3. R _____ ON GOD’S NAME COMPLETELY

Psalms 33:21 (LB) “No wonder we are happy in the Lord... We trust His holy name.”

- We pray “in Jesus’ name” because He is the _____.

CONCLUSION: BAD NEWS – GOOD NEWS

Matthew 12:36 (LB) “Jesus says, ‘I tell you this that you must give account on Judgment Day for every idle word you speak.’”

John 20:31 (NIV) “Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and by believing you may have life in His name.”

- Swearing is a _____ problem.

Luke 6:45 (TEV) “The mouth speaks what the heart is full of.”