

What's the problem with cursing?

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It is not just words



The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart.” Jesus - Luke 6:45.
Our words reflect the kind of person we are.

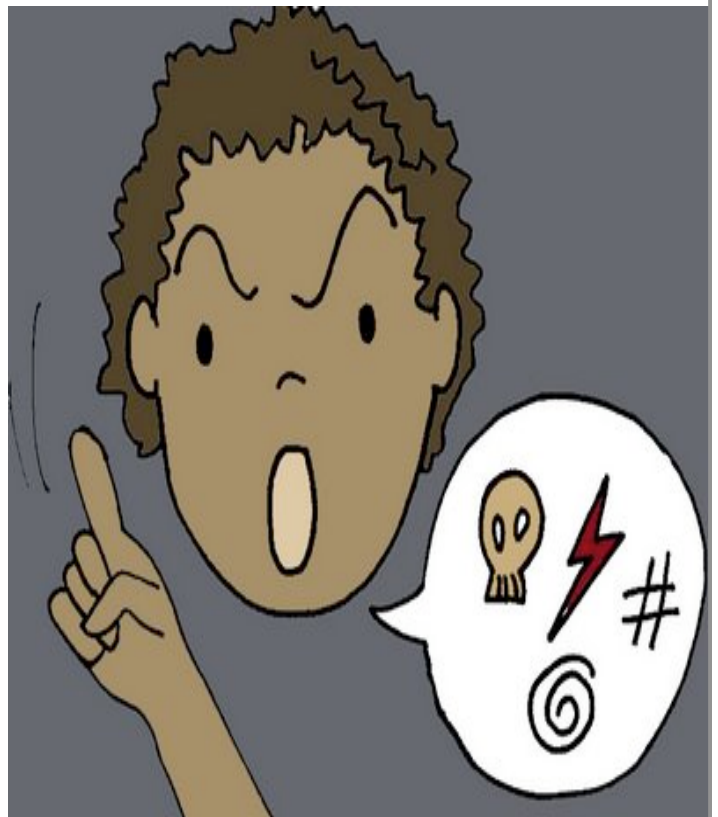
No doubt the habit of cursing is very common. And since so many people curse –which appears to be acceptable for adults but not for young people – can one realize that this is a problem? Here, it is understood the lewd words within the same scope as scandals and adultery mentioned by Jesus. It is not just the act itself but the feelings, thoughts and vibes that accompany the act. It can be in the form of a gossip, a complaint, a nickname that we give to another, or an intrigue. Every bad thought is a reflection of the inferiority still present in us.

And we ask: Why do we act like this?

- To express anger or frustration
- We want to draw attention
- We want to be accepted by others
- I like to give the impression that I am "tough"
- It is a way of challenging the authority of someone (parents, teachers, older siblings)

What excuses do you have to continue acting like this?

- Everyone curses
- My parents curse
- The media is full of such situations
- Even in the soap operas, and sitcom they curse
- It is nothing. It is only words
- So what?



Your way of talking causes a greater impact in others than you think. The first impression people have about us soon changes when we start cursing or using a lewd vocabulary.

Try to imagine a well-dressed person that impresses because of its nice clothes, but when this person starts talking it curses, is rude and vulgar. Now imagine the other way around, someone that may be dressed in rags speaks with sweetness and kindness that only the humble heart possess. Which one will cause a better impression?

Oftentimes this will determine the kind of people that will want to be your friends, to hire you for a job, the degree of respect that others will have for you. You will never know how many times you lost the opportunity to make a new friend, lost the respect of others for using obscene language, thinking that there is no problem with it.



Imagine that you have given a shirt to a friend. How would you feel if you could see him using your gift as a cleaning cloth or a mat to wipe his feet? Likewise, we should use our speech for the best way it is intended, thus respecting its true function.



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