WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE

(Leviticus 24:10 - 16)

INTRDUCTION

Bible admonitions: (Prov. 17:27; Ecc. 5:3; Col. 4:6; James 1:19; Eph. 4:15)

We say: "Think before you speak"

WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE IN THESE AREAS:

1. SWEARING / PROFANITY

Clean language is always acceptable in polite society (swearing is not).

God's displeasure: (Ex. 20:7) "thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain, for the Lord himself will not hold him guiltless that takes his name in vain"

(Psalm 111:9) "... holy and reverend is his name"
(Matt. 6:9) "... hallowed by Thy name ... "
(Lev. 24:14) "him that cursed ... let all the congregation stone him"
(v16) "he that blasphemes the name of the Lord ... stone him"

2. GOSSIP / TALE-BEARING

(Lev. 19:16) "thou shalt not go up and down as a tale-bearer among thy people"

3 questions: Is it true? Is it needful? Is it kind?

(Phil. 4:8) "Whatsoever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, good report, if there by any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things"

3. LYING

"lie" - falsehood; to speak falsely; to deceive by lies.

In court: "tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth"

(Prov. 12:23) "Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord"

4. SLANG

Is "omg" really that bad?

Euphemism - the substitution of an agreeable or non-offensive expression for one that may offend.

CLOSE - (1 Peter 3:10; Psalm 19:14)