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Subject: Foolish Talking

"But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient [i.e. proper]: but rather giving of thanks." - Ephesians 5:3-4

How many people do you know, who sound like Christians when they are around Christians; but when around others, sound like heathen?

Around the former they sound so holy with their, "praise God" and "To God be all the glory" and other such phrases; but around the latter, they speak evil things, laugh at evil jokes. Should it be like this?

"But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, who are made after the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceeds blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be."

- James 3:8-10

Do you know anybody like that; in fact, let's make it personal and pass it around... are you like that? Oh maybe not outwardly, maybe only inwardly and so hide the coal in your bosom.

God warns us that "evil communications corrupt good manners." (1 Cor. 15:33). Do you find yourself in conversations that you know you have no business in, but you remain ^{anyway} and compromise by "not wanting to offend anyone..."? Who would you rather offend, man or God? Get out of there!

"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you." - 2 Corinthians 6:17

Remember ~~this~~ this O Christian, when you make the world to laugh... you make the Lord to weep

"The LORD shall go forth as a mighty man, He shall stir up jealousy like a man of war:

"He shall cry, yea, roar; He shall prevail against His enemies. I have long time holden My peace; I have been still, and refrained Myself: now will I cry like a travailing woman; I will destroy and devour at once." - Isaiah 42:13-14

Remember the Lord whom you serve and give Him all your heart, let it flow into all you do, all you think, and all you say; if He Who died to redeem you desires your whole heart and affections, how much more your lips.

"Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man." - Colossians 4:6

i am gratefully,

Your servant for Jesus' sake,

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- 2 Cor. 4:1-5