



"WORDS – LIFE OR DEATH" BIBLE STUDY
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LESSON #3 – "TEN DEADLY SINS"

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Lesson #3 Study Scriptures

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Ephesians 4:29 Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

(Our memory Verse)

Proverbs 6:16-19-These six *things* the LORD hates, Yes, seven *are* an abomination to im:¹⁷ A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood,¹⁸ A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil,¹⁹ A false witness *who* speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren.

Proverbs 12:22 - Lying lips *are* an abomination to the LORD, but those who deal truthfully *are* His delight.

Proverbs 6:12-15 - A worthless person, a wicked man, Walks with a perverse mouth;¹³ He winks with his eyes, He shuffles his feet, He points with his fingers;¹⁴ Perversity *is* in his heart, He devises evil continually, He sows discord.¹⁵ Therefore his calamity shall come suddenly; Suddenly he shall be broken without remedy.

Proverbs 20:19 - He who goes about *as* a talebearer reveals secrets; Therefore, do not associate with one who flatters with his lips.

2 Corinthians 12:20 - For I fear lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I wish, and *that* I shall be found by you such as you do not wish; lest *there be* contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, backbiting's, whisperings, conceits, tumults.

Psalms 140:11 - Let not a slanderer be established in the earth; Let evil hunt the violent man to overthrow *him*.”

Proverbs 10:18 - Whoever hides hatred *has* lying lips, And whoever spreads slander *is* a fool.

1 Corinthians 5:11 - But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner—not even to eat with such a person.

Proverbs 11:13 - A talebearer reveals secrets, but he who is of a faithful spirit conceals a matter.

Romans 3:13-14 - “Their throat *is* an open tomb; With their tongues they have practiced deceit”; “The poison of asps *is* under their lips”; ¹⁴ “Whose mouth *is* full of cursing and bitterness.”

Psalms 109:17-18 - As he loved cursing, so let it come to him; As he did not delight in blessing, so let it be far from him. ¹⁸ As he clothed himself with cursing as with his garment, so let it enter his body like water, And like oil into his bones.

Exodus 20:7 - “You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold *him* guiltless who takes His name in vain.

Colossians 3:8 - But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth.

Proverbs 21:9 - Better to dwell in a corner of a housetop, than in a house shared with a contentious woman.

Proverbs 26:21 - As charcoal *is* to burning coals, and wood to fire, so *is* a contentious man to kindle strife.

Hebrews 3:12-13 - Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; ¹³ but exhort one another daily, while it is called “Today,” lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

Lesson #3 Studied/Commentary Notes

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4. Heart that devises wicked Plans-

Humans have 5 vital organs that are essential for survival. These are the brain, heart, kidneys, liver, and lungs. From a medical and biological perspective, all of these organs are equally important. **But from a spiritual perspective, the heart is the most important organ because it's the heart that determines our actions.** The brain only executes whatever the heart desires. In fact, the heart is the source of everything the writer of Proverbs mentions here: (pride, lies, hatred, etc.)

Illustration: How does a worm get inside an apple? Perhaps you think the worm burrows in from the outside. No, scientists have discovered that the worm comes from inside. But how does he get in there? Simple! An insect lays an egg in the apple blossom. Sometime later, the worm hatches in the heart of the apple, then eats his way out. Sin, like the worm, begins in the heart and works out through a person's thoughts, words, and actions

5. Feet that rush into Evil

"Feet that are quick to rush into evil" can be viewed as "the enthusiastic and complete involvement" in things that dishonor God. This happens when we know what do to and we choose not to do it. The average Christian will ignore this verse as irrelevant because usually evil deeds are actions, we label as wicked and morally wrong. But the author of Proverbs is also referring to common wrong doings that bring pain to all concerned. Such activities include but not limited to gossip, rebellion, the assassination of character, etc. They create wounds that could last a lifetime.

Illustration: Four preachers met for a friendly gathering. During the conversation, one preacher said, “Our people come to us and pour out their hearts, confess certain sins and needs. Let’s do the same. Confession is good for the soul.” In due time all agreed. One confessed he liked to go to movies and would sneak off when away from his church. The second confessed to liking to smoke cigars and the third one confessed to liking to play cards. When it came to the fourth one, he wouldn’t confess. The others pressed him saying, “Come now, we confessed ours. What is your secret or vice?” Finally, he answered, “It is gossiping, and I can hardly wait to get out of here.”

7. A man who stirs up Dissension

This man is the total sum of everything the author of Proverbs mentioned before. He out of the fruit of his corrupted heart cause conflict among brothers. We have such people in the church also. They stir up dissension in the body of Christ, for their own selfish gain.

Illustration: A Lion used to prowl about a field in which Four Oxen used to dwell. Many a time he tried to attack them, but whenever he came near they turned their tails to one another so that whichever way he approached them he was met by the horns of one of them. At last, however, the Lion managed to turn them against each other. They fell quarrelling among themselves, and each went off to pasture alone in a separate corner of the field. Then the Lion attacked them one by one and soon made an end of all four.

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God delights in you; your future has no bounds. Lying originated with Satan, the devil himself. God made him a rational creature – a very high-ranking angel. He rebelled in pride against the most high God. For this profane and rebellious sin, he was thrown out of his position in heaven. He came and lied to your first parents, deceiving Eve into eating the forbidden fruit. He is a liar and the father of lying. **When something is an abomination, it is disgusting and hateful.** When you abominate something, you abhor, detest, and loathe it. God abominates lying – He finds it abhorrent, detestable, and loathsome. He considers lying disgusting, and He hates it with holy hatred. He loves truth, honesty, integrity, sincerity, and the men who love these things.

Ananias and his wife Sapphira were members in the church at Jerusalem. They sold some property and gave a large offering to the apostles. But they lied in keeping back some for themselves. What did the blessed God do about this fudging of the facts? He killed them both in the church ([Acts 5:1-11](#)).

God expects more than just telling the truth; He demands your dealings to be in truth. This is honesty in speech and action. All conduct should be governed by integrity and sincerity. You should say exactly what is right and true, and you should do it completely. **Reject exaggerating or modifying facts at any time**, you can and should be known as a person of perfect integrity in word and deed.

Proverbs 6:12-15 - A worthless person, a wicked man, Walks with a perverse mouth;¹³ He winks with his eyes, He shuffles his feet, He points with his fingers;¹⁴ Perversity is in his heart, He devises evil continually, He sows discord.¹⁵ **Therefore his calamity shall come suddenly;** Suddenly he shall be broken without remedy.

¹³ **He winketh with his eyes,** 1. The naughty person uses his mouth to cause trouble... but he doesn't stop there! He uses his eyes too! The eyes are in a sense the windows to the soul. We can speak with our eyes- Lots of messages can be communicated with our eyes... We can communicate suspicion... surprise... disgust... disbelief... We can smile approvingly with our eyes... But eyes can also scowl... glare... and say "I hate you.

He speaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers.... It is unclear to me how a person would communicate with his feet—but in that day in that culture, there may well have been some widely understood customs... (Shuffling of the feet; a little kick into the dirt; etc.) Teaching with his fingers—. While we do not know for sure exactly what the signs were in those days, we use our fingers to communicate messages.. Thumbs up; thumbs down; middle finger; high five; OK sign; etc.... There are all kinds of ways we can speak without opening our mouth.. Some are subtle... some less than subtle.... These body language signs might be done behind someone's back... or to their face.. It could even be the TONE of one's voice.... Solomon doesn't even mention facial expression here—facial expression can speak volumes! Pleasant countenance; sourpuss; grumpy face; happy face or an 'I hate this' face.... In all of this, it is demonstrated that we can use every part of our body as an instrument of unrighteousness... OR of righteousness.

¹⁴**Frowardness is in his heart, he deviseth mischief continually;** Solomon's point is that the naughty person has a 1001 ways to do his dirty work... without saying a thing.. Forwardness is in his heart.... Thus, it will eventually be expressed outwardly... through his froward mouth or through more subtle body language.... Either way, it WILL be expressed!. Whatever comes out of the mouth first resided in the heart.. Whatever is expressed through body language first resided in the heart.. His outward countenance might be a façade of sincerity... which only covers up the heart full of frowardness... deception... a clever liar!. He deviseth mischief continually.... This naughty person is on a mission—to stir up trouble and mischief!

He soweth discord.- This is the ultimate goal of the naughty person described here: to sow discord! To cause division... to stir up trouble and controversy!. 6:19 – he might even use lies to sow discord... he may send out lies by means of his body language... to lie about a person.... Some people just aren't happy unless they are stirring up trouble.

¹⁵**Therefore shall his calamity come suddenly; suddenly shall he be broken without remedy.** Solomon reminds his son that the naughty person... the one who stirs up trouble will not be able to do so forever... Eventually, his calamity shall come... he shall be broken... without remedy. It may not even be in this life... but eventually, troublemakers will have to face the music before the Lord. They may think that nobody saw their wink... or their body language... or the subtle messages they had been sending out... which caused so much trouble. BUT—God knows! God sees it all. He not only understands English and Hebrew—He also understands body language. (Heb. 4:13) For every idle word we say we shall give an account one day. The same is true for the words we say with our eyes... our fingers... our facial expression... they are all manifestations of what is going on in our heart... And the Lord looks at the heart... He knows it all before we even express it!

Romans 3:13-14 - “Their throat *is* an open tomb; With their tongues they have practiced deceit”; “The poison of asps *is* under their lips”; ¹⁴ “Whose mouth *is* full of cursing and bitterness.”

Their throat ... - This expression is taken from [Psalm 5:9](#), The design of the psalm is to reprove those who were false, traitorous, slanderous, etc. [Psalm 5:6](#). The psalmist has the sin of deceit, and falsehood, and slander particularly in his eye. The sentiment here may be, as the grave is ever open to receive all into it, that is, into destruction, so the mouth or the throat of the slanderer is ever open to swallow up the peace and happiness of all. Or it may mean, as from an open sepulchre there proceeds an offensive and pestilential vapor, so from the mouths of slanderous persons there proceed noisome and ruinous words. With their tongues ... - In their conversation, their promises, etc., they have been false, treacherous, and unfaithful.

The poison of asps - This is taken literally from the Septuagint of [Psalm 140:3](#). The asp, or adder, is a species of serpent whose poison is of such active operation that it kills almost the instant that it penetrates, and that without remedy. It is small, and commonly lies concealed, often in the "sand" in a road, and strikes the traveler before he sees it. It is found chiefly in Egypt and Lybia. It is said by ancient writers that the celebrated Cleopatra, rather than be carried a captive to Rome by Augustus, suffered an asp to bite her in the arm, by which she soon died. The precise species of serpent which is here meant by the psalmist, however, cannot be ascertained. All that is necessary to understand the passage is, that it refers to a serpent whose bite was deadly, and rapid in its execution.

Is under their lips - The poison of the serpent is contained in a small bag which is concealed at the root of the tooth. When the tooth is struck into the flesh, the poison is pressed out, through a small hole in the tooth, into the wound. The sentiment is, that as the poison of the asp is rapid, certain, spreading quickly through the system, and producing death; so, the words of the slanderer are deadly, pestiferous, quickly destroying the reputation and happiness of man. They are as subtle, and as deadly to the reputation, as the poison of the adder is to the body. Wicked people in the Bible are often compared to serpents.

Psalms 109:17-18 - As he loved cursing, so let it come to him; As he did not delight in blessing, so let it be far from him. ¹⁸ As he clothed himself with cursing as with his garment, so let it enter his body like water, And like oil into his bones.

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NLT Scripture Version

Proverbs 18:21 (NLT)- The tongue can bring death or life; those who love to talk will reap the consequences.

Proverbs 6:16-19 (NLT)- There are six things the LORD hates— no, seven things he detests:¹⁷ haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that kill the innocent, ¹⁸ a heart that plots evil, feet that race to do wrong, ¹⁹ a false witness who pours out lies, a person who sows discord in a family.

Isaiah 59:1-4 (NLT)- Listen! The LORD's arm is not too weak to save you, nor is his ear too deaf to hear you call.² It's your sins that have cut you off from God. Because of your sins, he has turned away and will not listen anymore. Your hands are the hands of murderers, and your fingers are filthy with sin. Your lips are full of lies, and your mouth spews corruption.⁴ No one cares about being fair and honest. The people's lawsuits are based on lies. They conceive evil deeds and then give birth to sin.

Proverbs 12:22 (NLT)- The LORD detests lying lips, but he delights in those who tell the truth.

Proverbs 10:18 (NLT)- Hiding hatred makes you a liar; slandering others makes you a fool.

Proverbs 11:13 (NLT)- A gossip goes around telling secrets, but those who are trustworthy can keep a confidence.

2 Corinthians 12:20 (NLT)- For I am afraid that when I come I won't like what I find, and you won't like my response. I am afraid that I will find quarreling, jealousy, anger, selfishness, slander, gossip, arrogance, and disorderly behavior.

1 Corinthians 5:11 (NLT)- I meant that you are not to associate with anyone who claims to be a believer yet indulges in sexual sin, or is greedy, or worships idols, or is abusive, or is a drunkard, or cheats people. Don't even eat with such people.

James 5:16 (NLT)- Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

Romans 3:13-14 (NLT)- "Their talk is foul, like the stench from an open grave. Their tongues are filled with lies." "Snake venom drips from their lips." "Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness.

Psalm 109:17-18 (NLT)- He loved to curse others; now you curse him. He never blessed others; now don't you bless him.¹⁸ Cursing is as natural to him as his clothing, or the water he drinks, or the rich food he eats.

Exodus 20:7 (NLT)-“You must not misuse the name of the LORD your God. The LORD will not let you go unpunished if you misuse his name.

Colossians 3:8 (NLT)-But now is the time to get rid of anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander, and dirty language.

Proverbs 21:9 (NLT)- It's better to live alone in the corner of an attic than with a quarrelsome wife in a lovely home.

Proverbs 26:21 (NLT)- A quarrelsome person starts fights as easily as hot embers light charcoal or fire lights wood.

Hebrews 3:12-13 (NLT) Be careful then, dear brothers and sisters. Make sure that your own hearts are not evil and unbelieving, turning you away from the living God. ¹³You must warn each other every day, while it is still “today,” so that none of you will be deceived by sin and hardened against God.

Isaiah 59:1-4 (NLT) Listen! The LORD's arm is not too weak to save you, nor is his ear too deaf to hear you call.² It's your sins that have cut you off from God. Because of your sins, he has turned away and will not listen anymore.³ Your hands are the hands of murderers, and your fingers are filthy with sin. Your lips are full of lies, and your mouth spews corruption.⁴ No one cares about being fair and honest. The people's lawsuits are based on lies. They conceive evil deeds and then give birth to sin

Lesson #3-PDF Notes From Robert Morris teaching video:

Ten Deadly Sins - There are ten sins we commit with our mouth that produce death in us. How do you usually spend your Sunday afternoons? As believers in Christ, our sins, both deeds and words, separate us from intimacy with God (Isaiah 59:1–3).

1. Lying is like idolatry because we're going against God's nature and aligning ourselves with Satan when we lie (Proverbs 6:16–19; 12:22).

2. Sewing discord will reap destruction in your life (Proverbs 6:12–15).

3. Gossip is spreading private information about someone, even if the information is true and factual. We sometimes disguise gossip in the Church by calling it a prayer request (Proverbs 20:19; 2 Corinthians 12:20).

4. Slander is when we share a false and malicious report about someone. This includes repeating things we've heard when we don't have personal knowledge that it's true (Psalm 140:11; Proverbs 10:18; 1 Corinthians 5:11).

5. Tale-bearing is revealing secrets or breaking a confidence (Proverbs 11:13). When someone is able to trust us with their secrets because we have a faithful spirit, it brings healing to them. We show strong character when we protect their trust.

6. Cursing usually comes from a root of bitterness (Romans 3:13–14). When you curse, you're actually speaking a curse over someone or something, even yourself and what belongs to you. A person who curses, is not blessed (Psalm 109:17–18). Open Focus Read

7. Blasphemy happens when we use God's name in an unsacred or self serving way (Exodus 20:7). This includes when we use His name as a curse word or to manipulate others, (e.g., "God told me" or "Thus saith the Lord" when God didn't talk to them.).

8. Filthy language is to be avoided because it stirs up lust (Colossians 3:8). We should not only refrain from speaking it, but also from listening to it.

9. Contentious speech includes disagreeable, argumentative, hurtful, hateful or malicious talk (Proverbs 21:9; Proverbs 26:21).

10. Unbelief manifests through negativity. It flows out of our hearts. When we speak positive words, we're expressing faith in the truth that God is bigger than the facts of a difficult situation (Hebrews 3:12–13). God wants to bless us, but first our mouths must line up with His Word.

Scripture Review Questions

1. What are the ten deadly sins Robert Morris listed in his notes – we typed them in our lesson notes on page 8 for your reference:

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____
- f. _____
- g. _____
- h. _____
- i. _____
- j. _____

2. Which one do you have the most trouble with? _____

3. What is our MEMORY VERSE for this lesson – write it below in your bible version: _____

4. What are the six things God hates in Proverbs 6:16-19?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____
- f. _____

5. In Proverbs 6:12-15, what are some of the things a wicked man does? _____

6. In Proverbs 20:19, who should we stay away from? _____
7. Write Proverbs 10:18 here: _____

8. In Proverbs 11:13, what does a faithful person do? _____
9. What does Exodus 20:7 say? _____

10. In Colossians 3:8, what are we to put off? _____

11. What are we supposed to do as Christians in Hebrew 3:12-13? _____
