

Lessons from the Heart

Using God's name properly

By Dr. Peter Roussakis

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name. Exodus 20:7

Language is an important part of human life. It distinguishes us from all other creatures, it is indispensable for relating, communicating, learning, and of course for the Christian, for proclaiming the

Gospel. Language may be used for good. It also may be an instrument of wrongdoing. Misuse or improper use of language may cause hard feelings and misunderstandings. Language is a gift God has endowed us with, that we may scribe to him the glory due his name, and carry on his work and our daily routines and activities with care and efficiency.



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The Hebrew for *in vain* in the KJV of the Third Commandment, rendered, *misuse* in the NIV, means empty, lacking in purpose, meaningless, frivolous, without sincerity. We are not to use God's name in speech or in written form in a meaningless way. For example, we've all heard people casually

say, "Oh God" this or "Oh God" that, as an expression of surprise, perhaps joy, or even disgust. Most people who use such expressions do so without thinking of what they are really saying, and certainly do not use God's name as though they were addressing him in any way. They simply use God's name as a meaningless adornment, what is referred to as a minced oat, not in a way that honors God's name or refers to him in any particular way.

Saying the name of God in ancient Hebrew culture was considered so sacred, that *Jehovah/Yahweh* was not usually voiced, only spelled (*YHWH*). Instead they would use the He-

brew word *shem*, which simply means *name*. The name of God is special, for it represents who he is, what he's like, his capacities of majesty and mercy, power and personal care, greatness, and grace. To say the name *God*, therefore, is a privilege, and carries with it the greatest of responsibilities. Manipulating the name of God, using it for one's meaningless or improper ends, too casually referring to the Creator of the universe or the Redeemer of our souls is to rob God's name of its intrinsic meaning. It is a failure to take God seriously, misrepresents his character, and does not advance his true nature and reputation in society.

The third commandment tells us to be cautious when using God's name. We are to

use his name properly in everyday conversation, refraining from meaningless usages. We are never to use his name in an empty fashion and especially when expressing anger. Let's help others realize God is special by using his name meaningfully in conversation, and by asking others to refrain from using his name in meaningless ways; and, of course, by telling them why.

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Pray for our nation to seek God

The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live"; and he himself believed and all his household. John 4:53 Pd. Adv.

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- CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN:** 3570 E 200S, Bringhurst, Dan C. Butcher, pastor, SW: 9:30 a.m. SS: 10:30 a.m. Youth group 6:30 p.m., Bible study Wed. 6:30 p.m.
- CUTLER PRESBYTERIAN:** SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.
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- DELPHI CHURCH OF CHRIST:** 405 Cottage Street, Delphi. Sunday Bible study: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 & 5 p.m., Wed. Night 7 p.m.
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- DELPHI PENTECOSTAL:** Hwy. 25 East, Delphi. Tim Stewart, pastor. Thurs. night Bible Study: 7:30p.m., SS: 12:45 p.m., SW: 2 p.m.
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- FAITH CHURCH OF CHRIST:** SR 29, Burlington. Steve Cole, minister. SW: 9:30 a.m. & 6 p.m. a.m., SS: 11 a.m., Wed. Bible study 7 p.m.
- FAITH LUTHERAN:** CR 800 N, west of Hwy. 29. Thomas J. McShannock & Sandy Hutchens, pastor. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10:10 a.m.
- FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH:** Hwys. 29 & 26, Middlefork. Jim Anderson, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.
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- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF CAMDEN:** Interim pastor. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:45 a.m., Sun. Youth Service 5:30 p.m. Sun. Bible study: 7:30 p.m.
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- FLORA FIRST BAPTIST:** 115 W. Columbia Street, Flora. Interim pastors. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10 a.m.
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- GRACE MISSIONARY BAPTIST:** 1101 Dreifers Ave., Delphi. Joe Whitehead, pastor. SS: 10 a.m. SW: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
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- SHARON AMERICAN BAPTIST:** St. Rd. 29, Carrollton Township. James Lund, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.
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FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

By Dr. James Dobson

Parents must screen outside influences on their children

QUESTION: You have talked about how Barbie dolls place undue emphasis on clothing, possession and appearance. But Barbie isn't the only example of this adolescent influence in our culture, is it?

DR. DOBSON: No, our children are saturated with commercial stuff that has the same impact. More and more, we see adolescent clothes, attitudes and values being marketed to younger and younger children. And rock and rap music, with adolescent and adult themes, finds eager listeners among the very young.

I believe it is desirable to postpone the adolescent experience until it is summoned by your child's happy hormones. Therefore, I strongly recommend that parents screen the influences to which their children are exposed, keeping activities appropriate for each age. While we can't isolate our kids from the world as it is, we don't have to

turn our babies into teenyboppers.

QUESTION: Talk about a father's impact on his daughter and what he should hope to accomplish through that relationship.

DR. DOBSON: Fathers have an incalculable impact on their daughters. Most psychologists believe, and I am one of them, that all future romantic relationships that occur in a girl's life will be influenced positively or negatively by the way she perceives and interacts with her dad.

If he rejects and ignores her, she will spend her life trying to replace him in her heart. If he is warm and nurturing, she will look for a lover to equal him. If he thinks she is beautiful, worthy and feminine, she will be inclined to see herself that way. But if he thinks she is unattractive and uninteresting, she is likely to carry self-esteem problems into her adult years.



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I have also observed that a woman's respect for her husband is significantly influenced by the way she perceived her father. If he was overbearing, uncaring or capricious during her developmental years, she may disrespect her husband and question his judgment. But if Dad blended love and leadership in a way that conveyed strength, she will be more likely to live harmoniously with her husband.

These tendencies and trends are not absolute, of course. Individual differences can always produce exceptions and contradictions. But this statement will be hard to refute: A good father will leave his imprint on his daughter for the rest of her life.

QUESTION: My children are still young and are doing fine now, but I worry a lot about the adolescent years that loom ahead. I've seen other parents go through some pretty terrible

things when their teenagers began to rebel. How can I help my sons avoid that turmoil 10 years from now?

DR. DOBSON: The apprehension that you describe is well-founded, and many parents feel something similar today. The most important suggestion I can make is for you to redouble your efforts to build good relationships with your kids while they are young. That is the key to surviving the adolescent years. If they emerge from childhood with doubts about whether you really love and care for them, anything is possible during the turbulent teens. Boundaries, restrictions and threats will be no match for adolescent anger, frustration and resentment.

Author Josh McDowell has said that "rules without relationship leads to rebellion." He is right. That's why parents can't afford to get preoccupied with business and other pursuits that interfere with the task of raising children. Kids are young for such a brief period. During that short window, they must be given priority.

Once you've done what you can to lay the proper foundation, I urge you to approach your parenting duties with confidence. Anxiety about the future is risky in itself. It can make parents tentative and insecure in dealing with their youngsters. They don't dare cross them or deny their wishes for fear of being hated in the teen years. Teenagers pick up those vibes intuitively, which often generates disrespect in return. Don't make that mistake. You have been placed in a position of authority over your young children. Lead them with confidence and care.

Send your questions to Dr. Dobson, c/o Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, CO 80903; or to his Web site at www.focus.org. These questions and answers are excerpted from books authored by Dr. James Dobson and published by Tyndale House Publishers. Dr. Dobson is the founder and chairman of the board of Focus on the Family, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of the home and Judeo-Christian values. Copyright 1997 James Dobson, Inc. All rights reserved. International copy secured.



Church women practice for annual service

Church women from nine area churches practiced Feb. 22 for a worship service to be held Friday to commemorate the international World Day of Prayer. Church members in the community have participated in the celebration since the early 1980s, according to 2007 coordinator Jerrie Arney. The theme for 2007 is "United Under God's Tent" and was written by the women of Paraguay. Women and men in more than 170 countries and regions will celebrate that day with a service which will follow the sun across the globe. The local community service will be held at 2 p.m. at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 1301 South Washington Ave. in Delphi. Prayer leaders pictured around the table, left to right, are Virginia Thompson from Delphi First Presbyterian Church, Holly Stewart of the Penecostal Church of Delphi, Betty Allen of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Frances Hathaway of Radnor United Methodist Church, Marlene Collins of Delphi Wesleyan Church, Kathy LaFord of St. Joseph, Shirley Goyar of the Delphi United Methodist Church, Mary McDonald of the Living Faith Church of the Brethren and Winifred Beard of the Delphi Christian Church. Standing is Arney of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. Comet photo by Debbie Lowe

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