

Good Four Letter Words

Introduction. George Washington once said, "The foolish and wicked practice of profane cursing and swearing is a vice so mean and low that every person of sense and character detests and despises it." Hubbel Chapin added, "Profaneness is a brutal vice. He who indulges in it is no gentleman." Considering what Jesus said in Matthew 12:34-37, we are going to examine some good four letter words.

I. **Love**

- A. Matthew 22:37-38.
- B. 1 Peter 1:22.
- C. 1 John 4:19-20.

II. **Pray**

- A. 1 John 5:14.
- B. 1 Peter 3:12.
- C. Philippians 4:6-7.

III. **Give**

- A. Acts 20:35.
- B. 2 Corinthians 8:1-5.
- C. 2 Corinthians 9:6-7.

IV. **Work**

- A. John 9:4.
- B. James 2:14-17.
- C. Ephesians 2:10.

V. **Look**

- A. 2 Corinthians 4:17-18.
- B. Philippians 3:20.
- C. 2 Peter 3:10-14.

VI. **Obey**

- A. Romans 6:16-18.
- B. Hebrews 5:8-9.
- C. Acts 5:29.

Conclusion. Are we using the appropriate four letter words? Aesop, the ancient storyteller, told this fable: Once upon a time, a donkey found a lion's skin. He tried it on, strutted around, and frightened many animals. Soon a fox came along, and the donkey tried to scare him, too. But the fox, hearing the donkey's voice, said, "If you want to terrify me, you'll have to

disguise your bray." Aesop's moral: Clothes may disguise a fool, but his words will give him away. As has been said in another way, "Profanity is a public announcement of stupidity."