

Foul-Mouthed Nation? Surprising Study Reveals How Often Americans Use Profanity

The language use of our nation is truly in dire condition.

In a report by Study Finds, it was uncovered that “Americans use vulgar language online more than any other English-speaking country, at a rate of roughly 1 in every 2,800 words.”

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What’s intriguing about this study is that it was noted just how contrary this use of vulgarity truly is when compared to the Christian roots of the nation. In a research study from Lingua, it was noted that “The United States, often associated with protestant puritanism, Christian fervor and prudishness, show the highest rates of vulgarity.”

What has happened to our nation?

Have we really moved so far away from our heritage as a culture that honors honesty and integrity that we no longer can even hold a conversation without swearing?

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In his book, Tough Topics, author Kelly K provides great insight into this topic, especially for Christians who are struggling to know whether or not swearing is a sin.

“...if we won’t be using profanity in heaven for all eternity, why would we think it’s fine to use those words here?” K writes. “It’s difficult to imagine any kind of profane or inappropriate language in a place where everything is holy and pure.”

If we are to dwell on what is true, good, noble, pure and holy, why even dwell on something debatable in its goodness?

K continues:

Ephesians 4:29, says, “Don’t use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them” (NLT). Now, this verse is incredibly important because it gives us a litmus test for the words we use. When we choose to use curse words or any kind of profanity, we should ask ourselves, “Are these words good and helpful? Are they encouraging to those around me?” The core principle here is that our words should always be uplifting, especially within the body of Christ. By their very nature, curse words and foul language are the opposite of uplifting; they are negative, filthy, and often degrading.

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So, let us put away this use of derogatory speech, and instead, as Christians, we can shift the culture away from poor speech simply by following what our Lord has already asked us to do by focusing on the good and pleasing things He has in store for us.

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