

Is cursing a sin?

When we talk about what sin is or isn't, we have to remember that it's not deciding a set of rules. Sin is anything that goes against God's Character.

Ephesians 5:4 tells us that our speech should be free from filthiness and obscenity, something even the *world* recognizes is true of curse words (why else would they censor it?). Colossians 3:8 echoes that sentiment when it talks about filthy language. So let me ask you this, if Jesus was sitting right next to you, do you think He would be fine with and join in with you if you were cursing whilst in a conversation with Him? Do you think He would sit back and be unaffected? Not care? I certainly don't.

One argument is that as long as it's not directed towards someone then it's fine. But the word is still culturally recognized as vulgar, something God wants us to have no part of in our lives and witness before others.

A second argument is that as long as we're not *saying* it, we can still willingly expose ourselves to it in media or our friend's conversations as long as it "doesn't bother" you.

"It doesn't bother me" is a statement I've been guilty of before but (imo) is now perhaps the worst reason of all to indulge. IT **SHOULD** BOTHER YOU! If you believe that cursing is displeasing to God, that God wouldn't use curse words, and God **would** be affected (bothered) if He were on earth and heard someone speaking that way using foul language, then how dare **we NOT** be affected! Our goal should be that what moves God, moves us. Agree? Then why intentionally expose yourself and desensitize yourself to something that displeases God for the sake of entertainment in media (which yes includes TikTok sounds... ik, ouch) or fitting in with a group of peers?

We are called to be holy (which means set apart), as God is holy. That should absolutely include not just our conduct, but also our speech. The way we talk should be "set apart", different, from how the world talks.