

Mind your Language

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Introduction

- Statements are made in Public by high ranking leaders that are out of tune
- Use of bad language in our every days life is unacceptably high
- At workplace, sporting events, movies etc.
- Belief that things mentioned and stressed in a bad language it are important.
- Use of bad language now tend to indicate lack of tolerance when something is not right.
- To some it is just an ego to show that, I am in authority

Introduction

- All sorts of things are said by young men when they see a beautiful girl passing by
- Stare at her longer than you should and make feel uncomfortable it is bad

Words can hurt

- **Proverbs 12:18.** The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.
- **Proverbs 16:27.** A worthless man plots evil, and his speech is like a scorching fire.
- **Psalms 52:2 .**Your tongue plots destruction, like a sharp razor, you worker of deceit.
- **Proverbs 21:19 .** It is better to live in a desert land than with a quarrelsome and fretful woman

Purpose of bad speech

- The aim of bad speech is to inflict injury
- To humiliate
- To discourage
- To dishonor
- Sometimes to intimidate
- In most cases it is said out of frustrations, anger and fear

Purpose

- Psalm 64 :1-3
- ¹ O God, listen to my complaint.
Protect my life from my enemies' threats.
- ² Hide me from the plots of this evil mob,
from this gang of wrongdoers.
- ³ They sharpen their tongues like swords
and aim their bitter words like arrows.

Purpose

- **Proverbs 16:27-29**
- ²⁷ Evil people look for ways to harm others; even their words burn with evil.
- ²⁸ Gossip is spread by wicked people; they stir up trouble and break up friendships.
- ²⁹ Violent people deceive their friends and lead them to disaster. GNT

Purpose cont...

- Those who do that sometimes seem to enjoy
- Luke 22: 63-64
- ⁶³ The guards in charge of Jesus began mocking and beating him. ⁶⁴ They blindfolded him and said, “Prophecy to us! Who hit you that time?”
- Matt 27:36-44 come down from the cross!

What message are you sending

- Being a president does not change who you are but reveals who you are
- Mat 7: 15 “Beware of false prophets who come disguised as harmless sheep but are really vicious wolves. ¹⁶ You can identify them by their fruit, that is, by the way they act. NLT

How can we avoid this?

- Environment: is stress an issue?
- Learn to listen: You must have a quick ear!
- ¹⁹ Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. Jas 1:19 NLT

Know what to say

- Prov 16:24
- Kind words are like honey--sweet to the soul and healthy for the body NLT
- **Ephesians 4:29**
- Don't use bad language. Say only what is good and helpful to those you are talking to, and what will give them a blessing. TLB

Know what to say

- “You will keep your friends if you forgive them, but you will lose your friends if you keep talking about what they did wrong” (Proverbs 17:9 CEV).

When to say

- Gen 42:21-23
- Esther 5:3-4
- Esther 7:3 -4
- 3Queen Esther replied, “If I have found favor with the king, and if it pleases the king to grant my request, I ask that my life and the lives of my people will be spared

Where to say

- Acts 5:
- **33**When they heard this, the high council was furious and decided to kill them. **34**But one member, a Pharisee named Gamaliel, who was an expert in religious law and respected by all the people, **stood up and ordered that the men be sent outside the council chamber for a while.**

How to say

- **Job 2: 9** His wife said to him, “Are you still trying to maintain your integrity? Curse God and die.”
- **12** When they saw Job from a distance, they scarcely recognized him. Wailing loudly, they tore their robes and threw dust into the air over their heads to show their grief. **13** Then they sat on the ground with him for seven days and nights. **No one said a word to Job,** for they saw that his suffering was too great for words.

How can we respond under attack

- Listen carefully
- Ask the question what is the motive?