

"Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the Wrath of God upon the children of disobedience." Ephesians 5:4-6 KJV



Many times what we consider play, God considers misbehavior. *"For the wrath (passion, desire) of man worketh not the righteousness of God. Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness (inappropriate behavior), and receive with meekness the engrafted Word, which is able to save your souls. But be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."* Think of all the evil in the world; lying, murder, torture, defrauding, and cruelty to name a few. What if someone tortured and murdered your only child, showed no remorse, and mocked you besides? If you had the power to do anything, what would you do? Believers think they somehow are exempt from God's Wrath, but let me ask, "How many times have YOUR own children made you angry?" How much punishment has been meted out to your disobedient offspring and why? *"And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, 'My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of Him: For whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth.' If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?"* Is God any less of a parent? How many times among believers have you been privy to conversations involving entertainment which features immorality, nay promotes it as normal? Cheerleaders? How many times has a thoughtless come-back slithered off your tongue unknowingly leaving a permanent scar on someone's life? How many times have you heard, "I was only kidding," as a way of excusing unkind words? It is written, *"But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints. Neither filthiness, nor FOOLISH TALKING, nor JESTING."* All excludes nothing, including everything. Uncleanness is any unrighteous deed or word you allow in your life. *"For whatsoever is not of faith is sin."* Once uttered, words fly away like escaped birds. You cannot unspeak words. You can apologize, but you can't erase memory. *"The tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity and it is set on fire of hell. Let your speech be alway with grace."* Study and meditation in Truth is vital to controlling words and deeds. *"He that hath a froward heart findeth no good: and he that hath a perverse tongue falleth into mischief."* If you say the first thing that comes to mind, it's probably evil. What we know of other's comes from their words and deeds. What do your words and deeds say about you? *"BECAUSE OF THESE THINGS cometh the Wrath of God upon the children of disobedience."* If you are disobedient, God angry with you!

The wrath of God will come upon,
All words and deeds of evil spawn,
So guard your thoughts with Holy Writ,
That you may live a life that's fit. ~CGP

We expect provision regardless of behavior. You have asked, but have you obeyed? Going to bed without supper may be to provide a necessary incentive for obedience. *"ABSTAIN from ALL APPEARANCE of evil."*

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; IF there be any virtue, and IF there be any praise, THINK ON THESE things." Philippians 4:8 KJV