

# The Sword and Trowel

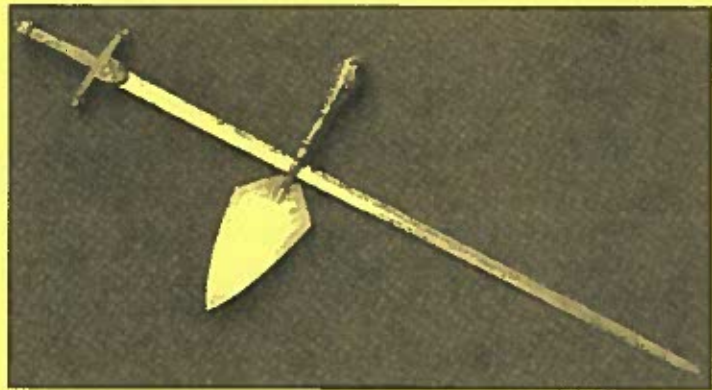
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We intend to build and defend: *"As for the builders, everyone had his sword girded by his side and so builded."* Nehemiah 4:18

## Reasons Not to Use PROFANITY —Eris Benson

Profanity has become so common that many no longer consider it objectionable. It is printed in papers, used on camera, spoken in mixed company by both sexes and used in the presence of children – as if God does not object. He does. God's name is not to be treated irreverently.

**God forbade the ancient Israelites' taking His name in vain.** *"You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain."* (Exodus 20:7)

**God's name is holy and reverend; it is to be respected.** *"Holy and awesome is His name."* (Psalm 111:9)

**God's name is to be hallowed.** Jesus said, *"In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name."* (Matthew 6:9) The Greek word *hagiazo* means "to set apart from common use." (Berry)

**God's name and His doctrine are not to be blasphemed.** (I Timothy 6:1) It may surprise you to know that profanity is more common in so-called Christian America than in heathen countries. Idolaters often have greater reverence for their false gods than some persons do for the true and living God.

A missionary was returning from India with his small son who had never been to America. One day an American on deck was using profuse profanity. The missionary said to him, "Sir, my boy was born and brought up in a land of idolatry, but in all his life he has never heard a man blaspheme his Maker until now."

**The New Testament forbids a person's using profanity by command and principle.** (Ephesians 4:29); Colossians 3:8) As Christ is a member of the Godhead (Colossians 2:9; Matthew 28:19), His name is not to be taken in vain.

Children should be taught not to use profanity. (Proverbs 22:6; Ephesians 6:4)

To use profanity in the presence of persons who object to it is to manifest a lack of respect for them. (Matthew 7:12)

To sin, a person does not have to say the obscene words orally. He can use profanity in his heart even as he can commit adultery (Matthew 5:28) or murder (I John 3:15) in his heart. (see Matthew 9:4; Proverbs 23:7).

*"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord."* (Psalm 19:14)

*"For every idle word that men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment."*  
Matthew 12:16

COMING EVENTS

December 31 New Year's Eve Party at the church— 6:00 P.M. to ????. Bring games and snacks!

PRAYER CONCERNS

for an evangelist for Grissom church to follow Terry  
 Brenda's friend (daughter needs spiritual help)  
 Karen VanNote (Brenda's mom) – doing better/ pray for Christian fellowship)  
 George & Carolyn Spivey (spiritual)  
 George Faull (last doctor visit-better results)  
 Theron Teachout (Walt's dad) – lower lung cancer  
 Heather Bowman (Frieda's daughter)  
 Sherry Barker (Brenda's sister) – spiritual  
 Christians around the world being persecuted  
 Kendall Faull (life situation)  
 Bonnie Barnhill (deployed to Africa for 7 months)  
 Paul McMahan (Mary Sue Friend's son) - spiritual  
 Mark Whitsett (paralyzed from accident & for salvation)  
 our evangelist, elders & deacons (& their families)  
 Church of Christ at Monticello & Buffalo Church of Christ  
 Summit School of Preaching  
 Greg Ratliff (recovery after heart bypass surgery)  
 Debra Isebrand (recovery after foot surgery)

Mary Copp  
 Richard Kees (Melanoma)  
 Don Pruitt (paralyzed on one side)  
 Mallory Leak (depression)  
 fire victims in Logansport  
 Jim Feazel family (his passing)  
 Lisa July  
 Mike White family (he oversea, wife pregnant)  
 our missionaries  
 Jeff VanCuren (continued recovery)  
 John Merritt (life situation)  
 Steve Emerick – lung problems  
 ladies' Bible Study  
 Betty Leedy (to get home care)  
 Carol See  
 Dick Wakefield  
 Ray & Nancy Maggard  
 Gigi (James Andrews' sister)  
 James (Carter's nephew) - spiritual  
 Roger VanNote (Brenda's step-dad) -for his health

*Proverb for the Week:*  
*Meditate on this Proverb:*  
 10:26 As vinegar to the  
 teeth, and as smoke to the  
 eyes, so is the sluggard to  
 them that send him.

SERVICES

Sunday School	9:00
A.M.Church	10:00
Men's Prayer Meeting	5:30
Women's Prayer Meeting	5:30
P.M.Evangelistic Hour	6:00
Wednesday P.M.	7:00
Youth for Truth (Wedn.)	7:00

ATTENDANCE

Sunday School	48
A.M.Church	74
P.M.Evangelistic Service	47
Tithes & Offerings	\$3,020
Wednesday Evening	89

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk. "Only the Ten Commandments" answered the lady.

A Sunday school teacher began her lesson with a question: "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?" A hand shot up in the air, "He is an artist!" said the kindergarten boy. "Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked. "You know – Our Father, Who does art in Heaven..."

Not only is the horse just about extinct, but so are the people who work like one.

A man who habitually watches the clock generally remains one of the hands.