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## For Your Consideration

### Four Letter Words

Many four-letter vile words are spoken today, much to the dismay of those who are pure in heart. These foul and offensive words are spoken to shock one's sensibilities. However, some four-letter words need to be spoken more! These words need to not only flow from the lips, but they need to be evident in the way people live, especially those professing to be Christians.

#### **FEAR (REVERENCE)**

*"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge."*

Psalm 1:7

#### **HEAR**

*"He who has ears to hear, let him hear."*

Matthew 1:15

#### **SINS**

*"Confess your sins to one another."*

James 5:16

#### **OBEY**

*"Since you have in obedience to the truth..."*

1 Peter 1:22

#### **LOVE**

*"This I command you, that you love one another."*

John 15:17

#### **KIND**

*"And be kind to one another."*

Ephesians 4:32

#### **WORK**

*"Work out your salvation with fear and trembling."*

Philippians 2:12

#### **PRAY**

*"Pray without ceasing."*

1 Thessalonians 5:17

#### **AMEN**

*"Blessed be the Lord forever! Amen and Amen."*

Psalm 89:52

# UNIVERSAL NEED

There are three universal needs of all mankind: Purpose for Existence, Meaning of Life, Direction for Living. These needs are sought by all in some form or another.

The one who believes in atheism, when seeking to fulfill the universal needs, concludes that being the product of chance evolution, there is no logical explanation for existence, no other purpose than to live for today, with death ending it all. The best answer is summed up in "Let us eat and drink, and enjoy life, for tomorrow we die."

The one who is an agnostic, when seeking such answers is left with uncertainty. "If there is a supreme power" leaves all answers that are presented for acceptance on a shaky foundation.

Those who believe in God as the creator of life, the One who controls it all, and the One who cares about what He created in His own image, have a sure foundation. The Lord God knows our needs, and has freely supplied them. One verse says it all: In the Gospel of John, Chapter Three, Verse Sixteen:

*For God so loved the world that  
He gave His only begotten Son  
that whosoever believes in Him  
should not perish, but have eternal life.*

## **BELIEVE (TRUST) IN HIM**

*"Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."*

Matthew 10:28-30

## **LOVE HIM AND BE LOVED BY HIM**

*"He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him."*

John 14:21

## **HOPE IN HIM**

*For it is for this we labor and strive, because we have fixed our hope on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of believers.*

1 Timothy 4:10

## **FAITH, LOVE, HOPE**

**FAITH** – Gives purpose to life. Something to believe in, rely upon, trust, a foundation.

**LOVE** – Gives meaning to life. Someone to love and be loved.

**HOPE** – Gives direction to life. Something to look forward to, to secure in the future.

## ***These three are the answers to mankind's universal needs!***

*But since we are of the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we will live together with Him.*

1 Thessalonians 5:8-10



*This you know, my beloved brethren. But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger; for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God.*

James 1:19-20

### **Proceed Slowly**

The often quoted saying, "Fools rush in where angels fear to tread," is from AN ESSAY ON CRITICISM by Alexander Pope in 1709. And there are several verses in the Book of Proverbs that point out the foolishness of being in a hurry without due regard for inevitable consequences.

*He who is slow to anger has great understanding, But he who is quick-tempered exalts folly.*

Proverbs 14:29

*A hot-tempered man stirs up strife, But the slow to anger calms a dispute.*

Proverbs 15:18

*He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, And he who rules his spirit, than he who captures a city.*

Proverbs 16:32

*A man's discretion makes him slow to anger, And it is his glory to overlook a transgression.*

Proverbs 19:11

### **BE LIKE HIM**

*The LORD is compassionate and gracious, Slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness.*

Psalms 103:8



Pearls from  
Proverbs

## **NEIGHBORS**

3:27-28 Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it. Do not say to your neighbor, "Go, and come back, and tomorrow I will give it," When you have it with you.

11:24-26 There is one who scatters, yet increases all the more, and there is one who withholds what is justly due, but it results only in want. The generous man will be prosperous, and he who waters will himself be watered. He who withholds grain, the people will curse him, but blessing will be on the head of him who sells it.

14:21 He who despises his neighbor sins, but happy is he who is gracious to the poor.

19:17 He who is gracious to a poor man lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his good deed.

21:13 He who shuts his ear to the cry of the poor will also cry himself and not be answered.

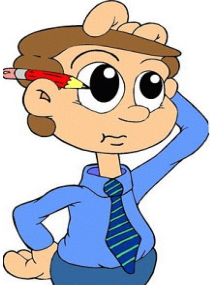
22:9 He who is generous will be blessed, for he gives some of his food to the poor.



### **Who Is My Neighbor?**

*But wishing to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ... [Jesus then asked] "Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robbers' hands?" And he said, "The one who showed mercy toward him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do the same."*

Luke 10:29, 36-37



# Ponder This

## An Ounce of Prevention Guarding One's Lips

It's better to swallow your careless words  
before you say them than to have to eat  
them after they have been spoken.

Speak in haste and you will make a speech  
you will come to regret.

There is no graceful way to remove your foot  
from your mouth.

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### Wisdom from the Book of Proverbs

*When there are many words, transgression is  
unavoidable, but he who restrains his lips is wise.*  
10:19

*A prudent man conceals knowledge,  
but the heart of fools proclaims folly.*  
12:23

*The one who guards his mouth preserves his life;  
the one who opens wide his lips  
comes to ruin.*  
13:3

*He who restrains his words has knowledge,  
and he who has a cool spirit is a man of  
understanding. Even a fool, when he keeps  
silent, is considered wise; when he closes  
his lips, he is counted prudent.*  
17:27-28

## Singing with the Understanding . . .



## None of Self and All of Thee

This hymn contains four verses that call to  
mind the changes that takes place when one  
comes to Christ.

From  
all of self, and none of Thee—  
to  
some of self, and some of Thee—  
to  
less of self, and more of Thee—  
to  
none of self, and all of Thee.

The final state being brought about by the love  
of Jesus conquering love of self. Jesus said, "*If  
anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny  
himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.*"  
Matthew 16:24

Saul of Tarsus, who had opposed Christians,  
was "shone the light" and believed Jesus to be  
the savior and was baptized into Him by Ananias.  
As the Apostle Paul, he wrote: "*I have been  
crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live,  
but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live  
in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who  
loved me, and delivered Himself up for me.*"  
Galatians 2:20

May we find ourselves in the final state, not  
being somewhat committed, but fully committed.

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