

“Oh my Goodness”

Ex. 20:7, Deut. 5:11, Matt. 6:9, Eph. 4:29, Col. 3:8

Why do people swear:

- Want to be cool – “fit in”
- Want to be cruel – “dig in”
- Habit

Definition of Vain – Having no real value or significance; worthless, empty, idle, hollow, etc.” – Webster’s It’s the act of disrespecting or dishonoring God’s name:

Ways in which we can take God’s name in vain:

- By the way we choose to make our vows. (Lev. 19:12, Matt. 5:33-37) God hates lying and perjury. (Prov. 6:16-19)
- By the words we choose to say. (Matt. 12:36-37, Eph. 4:29, Col. 3:8, James 3:1-10)
- By the message we choose to speak. (Jer. 14:11-14, Prov. 12:22, Matt. 15:17-18, Luke 6:45, Eph. 4:15)
- By the actions we choose to do. (Matt. 7:21-23, 15:8-9)

Acceptable times to use God’s Name: (right conditions)

- When we’re praising and worshipping Him. (Ps. 22:3)
- When we’re seeking His guidance in prayer. (Matt. 6:9)
- When we’re seeking His forgiveness (restoration). (Ps. 32:1-5)
- When we are studying and searching His Word. (2 Tim. 3:16)

Points to Ponder:

- Vows are meant to be kept, so keep them! (Lev. 19:12)
- Words have the power of life and death, so watch them! (Prov. 18:21)
- Our message should be true, so consult Him! (True, kind, necessary, appropriate)
- Our works should match our words, so live them! (Matt. 23)