

Arguing,
Gossiping, and
Complaining: By
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Introduction:

In this book, I cover topics such as arguing, gossip, complaining, cursing, and swearing. I want to talk about these topics because it is something that a lot of Christians struggle with today. A lot of Christians have a hard time controlling their tongues. Christians are tempted to give into these sins. You may not think these are sins, but they are. These are small sins that can lead to death and hell if not repented of. In this book, I share scripture from the Bible that relates to these topics. I also talk about these topics from a Christian point of view. So if you struggle with these topics, then this book may be for you to read to gain a better understanding on these topics.

The first topic I want to address in this book is arguing. Arguing can be another word for disputing according to the Bible. When two people disagree on a subject, they are fueled by division, hatred, anger, conflict, and strife amongst each other. These can lead to sin, such as becoming bitter, resentful, and unforgiving. And unforgiveness is a sin that keeps people out of the kingdom of heaven. This is why we should strive to be at peace with everyone. Arguing is not worth losing

your soul and going to hell. Arguing is when a person causes division and strife.

It is best to settle accounts because you do not want another person suing you or having you put in jail because of an argument. We may not just need to agree to disagree at times. It is okay to not always have to prove your point or prove that you are right all the time. It is okay to be wrong. That is how we learn from our mistakes. When another person can correct us even if we know we are right about it, that is okay. We can accept other people's opinions even if they do not line up with what we think.

Trying to prove your point or that you are right is just going to lead to an argument, and that is going to lead to other sins. If a person ends up dying in the sin of hatred because of what another person said or did, then that person will be separated from God for all eternity. Hatred or anger is not worth your soul going to hell. So it is so important to be at peace with others and to love and forgive others when they sin against us.

Matthew 5:9 says, "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God."

Romans 12:18 says, "If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men."

Matthew 6:14-15 says, "For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: but if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

The next topic I would like to talk about in this book is gossip and slander. Gossip and slander are sins that can lead to hell. You may not think that gossip and slander are problems, but they really are. Gossip and slander can lead to other sins, such as lying, envy, and jealousy. Gossip and slander is when a person talks bad about another person behind their back. This sin of gossip can lead to bitterness and unforgiveness as well. This is because a lot of people who gossip have a hard time forgiving other people of their sins.

Gossip separates close friends, and it leads to many friendships and relationships separating. Many friendships and relationships have fallen apart because of the sin of gossip and slander. People may be jealous and envious of a person, so they talk bad about them behind their back. That boosts their ego and makes them feel good or superior to the other person. When

you are around a person that gossips, it makes you want to gossip too, and it can even drain your energy because you may not be a person that gossips regularly.

When people gossip, it is a habit that needs to be broken. People that gossip continue to do it on a regular basis. It is not something that is done once and then that is it. No, gossip is something that can become an addiction in a way. Gossip is something that can become a bad habit. People that gossip may need God's help with overcoming it. It is not something they can do on their own without the help of the Holy Spirit. They need God's strength and power to overcome the sin of gossip and slander as well as unforgiveness.

Ephesians 4:29 says, "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers."

Exodus 23:1 says, "Thou shalt not raise a false report: put not thine hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness."

Proverbs 16:28 says, "A froward man soweth strife: and a whisperer separateth chief friends."

Leviticus 19:16 says, "Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people: neither shalt thou stand against the blood of thy neighbour; I am the LORD."

The next topic I wanted to talk about in this book is complaining, or, in other words, murmuring and grumbling. This is a sin that a lot of Christians do regularly on a daily basis. Whenever a Christian is having a bad day, they may be tempted to complain about their day or about a situation they are going through. A Christian may also complain about the weather because it is raining or snowing or too cold outside. When we complain, we are speaking words of death and defeat. We will see those things come to pass in our lives if we continue to speak them.

A Christian may constantly tell themselves that they are tired or stressed out, then that is what they are going to be because our words are so powerful and can manifest in our lives. The things that we speak out loud

can either bring death or life into our lives. The Bible says in Proverbs 18:21, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof." Matthew 12:35-37 says, "A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."

So we ultimately will be judged for our words in the end when we stand before God. That is why it is so important that we be careful or watch what we are saying, whether that be not complaining, or gossiping. When we are complaining we are not showing gratitude or thankfulness. Instead we are showing that we are ungrateful and unthankful. When we give thanks to God for his many blessings and provisions, we are showing gratitude and contentment. The next time you feel tempted to complain, you can give thanks to God for the many blessings that you have instead.

Philippians 2:14-15 says, "Do all things without murmurings and disputings: that ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world."

The next topic I wanted to discuss in this book is cursing and swearing, or, in other words, cussing. Many Christians still have adopted a habit of cursing others or things when they are mad and angry. A Christian may have developed this habit when they were young as teens or young adults. They may have started cussing because they were around certain people that also curse or swore. Or that Christian may have been listening to the media, whether that be songs on the radio or television shows that have cuss words in them. So that is where they have picked up that bad habit.

A Christian that curses and is cursed may need deliverance and freedom from it. That deliverance takes time. It does not happen overnight. But a Christian can get set free from cursing by the strength and power of the Holy Spirit. When you renew your mind in God's word, your thinking begins to change.

You start to think the way God thinks, and you have his mindset and thought patterns. That is when God changes your words to more positive, faith-filled words. He changes the way that you think, and then you start to develop better habits and mindsets because of the Holy Spirit in you transforming you. You would not be able to do it without the Holy Spirit in you changing you. This is a process of sanctification and becoming more holy and set apart from the world.

Colossians 3:8 says, "But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth."

When we come to Christ, we put off these things of our past and our former way of living. We become new creations in Christ. The old is gone, and the new has come. We become set apart from the world and walk in the newness of life. Our old sin nature is behind us, and now we walk in the new nature after God's holiness and righteousness.

2 Corinthians 5:17 says, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."