

TAKE GOD SERIOUSLY

God's Top Ten - Part 3

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Exodus 20:7

"...holy and awesome is His name. The Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, all who follow His precepts have good understanding."

Psalm 111:9b-10a (NIV)

1. WAY'S GOD'S NAME CAN BE MISUSED.

A. MISUSED THROUGH PROFANITY.

"The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in His heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of His heart His mouth speaks." Luke 6:45 (NIV)

B. MISUSED FOR PROFIT.

"They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny Him..." Titus 1:16 (NIV)

C. MISUSED BY PRETENDING.

"These people come near to Me with their mouth and honor Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me..." Isaiah 29:13 (NIV)

"Why do you keep on saying that I am your Lord, when you refuse to do what I say?" Luke 6:46 (CEV)

*"...for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses His name."
Exodus 20:7b (NIV)*

2. HOW CAN I USE GOD'S NAME CORRECTLY?

A. REVERENCE GOD'S NAME CONTINUALLY.

"Ascribe to the Lord, the glory due His name..." Psalm 29:2 (NIV)

"Those who know your name will trust in You..." Psalm 9:10 (NIV)

"... You have given me the blessings You reserve for those who reverence Your name." Psalm 61:5 (LB)

B. _____ GOD'S NAME CLEARLY.

"...A person who calls himself a Christian should not be doing things that are wrong." II Timothy 2:19 (LB)

“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus...” Colossians 3:17 (NIV)

C. RELY ON GOD’S NAME COMPLETELY.

“No wonder we are happy in the Lord! For we are trusting in Him. We trust His holy name.” Psalm 33:21 (LB)

“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.” Acts 4:12 (NIV)

“...Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and by believing you may have life in His name.” John 20:31 (NIV)