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“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God...” (1 Peter 4:11).

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The apostle John was writing to the church in Thyatira when we read the words of Revelation 2:23, “...and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.” From the time of the giving of the law under Moses to the closing of the New Testament under the Christian dispensation, mankind has continued to violate the third of the ten commandments, “Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord Thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain” (Ex. 20:7).

Jesus said in Matthew 5:33-37, “Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thy oaths: But I say unto you, Swear not at all: neither by heaven; for it is God’s throne: Nor by the earth; for it is His footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King. Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black. But let your communication be Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of

evil.”

Jesus also said in Matthew 12:34-37, “O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. 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.”

Let us look at some definitions:

curse - to invoke evil or call down destruction upon, to abuse profanely, to swear at, to harass, to torment, to blaspheme

swear - to utter or affirm solemnly with an appeal to God, to curse, to utter profanity, to mention sacred beings or things in an irreverent or blasphemous manner

profanity - profane speech, irreverence in spirit or conduct

Over the centuries in Christian lands, much of

mankind has been cautious as to his indulgence in out-and-out profanity. Some feared they might be stricken dead in their tracks for refusing to observe the Biblical injunction not to take the name of the Lord in vain. Other needers of expletives were just too decent to stoop to profanity. So in many languages there grew up a rich vocabulary of minced oaths, mild oaths, concealed oaths. These disguised oaths have become a part of everyday language, but few persons are aware of their real meanings. Several years ago a Dr. Carey McCord researched the meaning of several of the oaths used around the world. Other oaths have been added to this list in more recent times. Here are some common minced oaths and their real meanings, several of which are likely new to some:

Aw shoot	-	Oh shit
Blimy	-	God blind
Cripes	-	Christ
Dad burn	-	God damn
Dang it	-	Damn it
Darn	-	Damn
Doggone	-	God rot them
Drat	-	God rot them
Egad	-	God
Gad	-	God
Gad Bodkins	-	God’s body
Gad Zooks	-	God’s wounds
Gee	-	Jesus
Gee whillikins	-	Jesus Christ
Gee whiz	-	Jesus Christ
Go to father	-	Go to hell
Golly	-	God

Gosh	- God
Heck	- Hell
Holy cow	- Holy Christ
Holy mackerel	- Holy flesh
Holy smoke	- Holy Spirit
Hully Gee	- Holy Jesus
Jimminy Crickets	- Jesus Christ
Lordy	- Lord
Mariah	- St. Mary
Odds	- God
Odds fish	- God's flesh
Odds rot it	- God rot them
Odds zounds	- God's wounds
Zounds	- God's wounds

A NEW YOU IN 2022

John Edwards

Don't like who you've been? Want a clean slate, a fresh start? Wish to begin anew? Here's how you can be a new you in 2022:

BECOME A NEW CREATURE. The grace of God has made it possible for you to be a new creature. Paul wrote the Corinthians, *"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new"* (2 Cor. 5:17). Did you notice where one is a new creature? The text says, *"...if any man be in Christ, he*

is a new creature..." Now, how does one go about getting *"in Christ"*? Galatians 3:27 says, *"For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ."* When one is *"baptized into Christ"* he becomes a new creature. *"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works..."* (Eph. 2:10). Galatians 6:15 records, *"For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature."*

WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE. The letter to the Romans teaches, *"Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life"* (Rom. 6:3-4). In Jesus Christ, we may live a new life! Did you notice what comes before newness of life? Baptism. Is baptism standing between you and a new life?

PUT ON THE NEW MAN. You can be a new you in 2022 by putting off the *"old man"*

and putting on the *"new man"*. Ephesians 4 states, *"That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness"* (vv. 22-24). One learns more about this in Colossians 3: *"But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him...Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness"* (vv. 8-10, 12-14).

A new you in 2022? It is up to you.

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