

# So That the Word of God Will Not Be Slandered

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## Genesis 3:6 [LSB]

<sup>6</sup>Then the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, so she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.

## Genesis 2:16-17 & 3:4 [LSB]

<sup>16</sup>And Yahweh God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may surely eat;  
<sup>17</sup>but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you shall not eat from it; for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die."

## Genesis 3:4 (LSB)

<sup>4</sup>And the serpent said to the woman, "You surely will NOT die!

## Ephesians 2:2-3 [LSB]

<sup>2</sup>in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience,  
<sup>3</sup>among whom we all also formerly conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, doing the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

## Romans 1:18-19 [LSB]

<sup>18</sup>For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

<sup>19</sup>because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.

## Isaiah 5:20 [LSB]

<sup>20</sup>Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness, Who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!

## Don't Trust Your Heart

Jeremiah 17:9 (LSB)

<sup>9</sup>"The heart is more deceitful than all else And is desperately sick; Who can know it?

Proverbs 28:26 (LSB)

<sup>26</sup>He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, But he who walks wisely will escape.

Groups of fools become "evildoers & mobs": Psalm 26, Psalm 64, Acts 23, Matthew 26, Mark 14)



## Don't Trust Your Heart

Proverbs 3:5 (LSB)

<sup>5</sup>Trust in Yahweh with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding.

2 Corinthians 5:7 (LSB)

<sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight—

# The Human Condition

1. All mankind has been corrupted with sin nature (Romans 5:12)
2. Cursed man is inclined to trust in himself and in humanity and to distrust God (Jeremiah 17:5)
3. Satan, the God of this age, rules the world and blinds mankind to truth/reality (2 Cor. 4:4; Ephesians 2:2)
4. Truth (light) is made available, but man rejects it because he is in love with falsehood (darkness) (John 3:19)
5. Man cannot save himself. God has to intervene (Galatians 2:21; 3:21)

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## Sermon Outline

1. What is the slandering of the Word?
2. What did the slandering of the Word look like in Scripture?
3. What does the slandering of the Word look like today?
4. How does the Word shape our understanding of God's design for women? [Mostly next week]

# 1. What is the slandering of the Word?

Βλασφημῆται (*blasphemeitai*)

LSB/CSB – Slandered

ESV - Reviled

NASB – Dishonored

KJV/NKJV – Blasphemed

NIV – Maligned

“Inaccurately representing someone we dare not misrepresent.”

## 1. What is the slandering of the Word?

Numbers 20:12 (LSB)

<sup>12</sup>But Yahweh said to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not believe Me, to treat Me as holy in the sight of the sons of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them."

## 2. How has the Word been slandered by God's people throughout history?

Exodus 16:26-27 (LSB)

<sup>26</sup>"Six days you shall gather it, but on the seventh day, the sabbath, there will be none."

<sup>27</sup>Now it happened on the seventh day, that some of the people went out to gather, but they found none.

## Deuteronomy 8:2-5 (LSB)

2" And you shall remember all the way which Yahweh your God has led you in the wilderness these forty years, that He might humble you, testing you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.

3" And He humbled you and let you be hungry and fed you with manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of Yahweh.

4" Your clothing did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years.

5" Thus you shall know in your heart that Yahweh your God was disciplining you just as a man disciplines his son.



# Joshua 1:6-9 (LSB)

<sup>6</sup>"Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.

<sup>7</sup>"Only be strong and very courageous to be careful to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn aside from it to the right or to the left, so that you may be prosperous wherever you go.

<sup>8</sup>"This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way successful, and then you will be prosperous.

<sup>9</sup>"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not be in dread or be dismayed, for Yahweh your God is with you wherever you go."

## 2. How has the Word been slandered by God's people throughout history?

John 14:15 (LSB)

<sup>15</sup>"If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

1 John 2:3–5 (LSB)

<sup>3</sup>And by this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments.

<sup>4</sup>The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him;

<sup>5</sup>but whoever keeps His word, truly in him the love of God has been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him:

### 3. What does the slandering of the Word look like?

*Ephesians 5:5 (LSB)*

*<sup>5</sup>For this you know with certainty, that no one sexually immoral or impure or greedy, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.*

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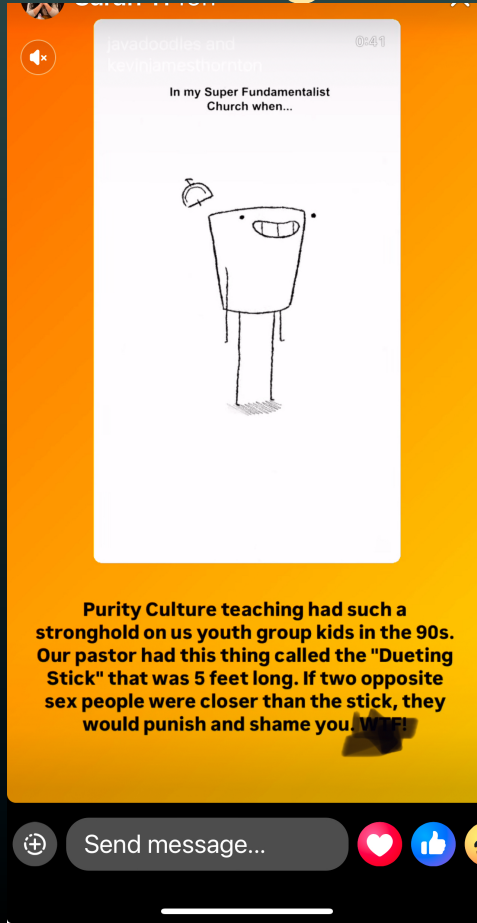
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# Chuck Swindoll – Insight for Living

“Truth isn't determined by popular vote. When you stand on God's unchanging Word, you're building on an unshakeable foundation – even if you stand alone. True strength comes from unwavering commitment to biblical truth, not from following the crowd. ”

