



Do Not Curse, Blaspheme,
Revile, or Slander, But Bless

*"Bless those who persecute you; bless
and do not curse."*

Romans 12:14

Do Not Curse

- **Curse** – (1) primarily signifies “to pray against, to wish evil against a person or thing”; hence “to curse,”; (2) “to speak evil” (Vines)
 - **Romans 12:14** *“Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.”*
 - **Matthew 15:4** *“For God commanded, saying, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.’”*

Do Not Blaspheme

- **Blaspheme** - speech that denigrates or defames, *reviling, denigration, disrespect, slander* (BDAG)
 - **Romans 2:24** “For ‘the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you,’ as it is written.”
 - **Acts 26:11** “And I punished them often in every synagogue and compelled [them] to blaspheme; and being exceedingly enraged against them, I persecuted [them] even to foreign cities.”
 - **1 Timothy 1:20** “of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I delivered to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.”
 - **Colossians 3:8** “But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth.”

Do Not Revile

- **Revile - To assail with abusive language. (Vines)**
 - **1 Corinthians 4:12** *"and we toil, working with our own hands; when we are reviled, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure; "*
 - **1 Corinthians 5:11** *"But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner -- not even to eat with such a person."*
 - **1 Corinthians 6:10** *"nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God."*
 - **1 Peter 2:23** *"who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed [Himself] to Him who judges righteously;"*

Do Not Slander

- **Slander - A false and malicious statement or report about someone.**
- **as title of the principal transcendent evil being *the adversary/devil*, (BDAG)**
 - **Proverbs 10:18** *“Whoever hides hatred has lying lips, And whoever spreads slander is a fool.”*
 - **2 Tim 3:3** *“unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good,”*
 - **1 Tim 3:11** *“Likewise, their wives must be reverent, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things.”*

But Rather Bless

■ **Bless** – (1) to say something commendatory, *speaking well of, praise, extol* (2) to ask for bestowal of special favor, especially of calling down God's gracious power, *bless (BDAG)*

- **Romans 12:14** *“Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.”*
- **Matthew 5:44** *“But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,”*
- **1 Corinthians 4:12** *“And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure;”*