

No Disrespect

The 3rd Principle of Success

God says, “Do not use God’s name in a disrespectful or dishonoring manner.”

You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

Exodus 20:7 NIV

The Trinity – “One God – Three Persons”

And God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness...”

Genesis 1:26 KJV

Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19 NLT

And ye shall not swear by my name falsely, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the LORD. Leviticus 19:12 KJV

Ways We Misuse God’s Name

- By cursing
- In thoughtless expressions
- To validate ourselves

Never swear by my name in order to deceive anyone. This dishonors the name of your God. I am the LORD.

Leviticus 19:12 GWT

The Purpose

Our misuse of His name offends God & exposes our heart.

...The mouth speaks the things that are in the heart. Good people have good things in their hearts, and so they say good things. But evil people have evil in their hearts, so they say evil things...people will be responsible for every careless thing they have said.

Matthew 12:34-36 NCV

The Practice

I will show my honor for God by respecting & reflecting His name.

I will proclaim the name of the LORD; how glorious is our God! He is the Rock; his work is perfect. Everything he does is just and fair. He is a faithful God who does no wrong; how just and upright he is!

Deuteronomy 32:3-4 NLT

Blessed be the name of the LORD forever and ever. Everywhere—from east to west—praise the name of the LORD.

Psalms 113:2-3 NLT

How to Honor God's name...

1. Recognize the power in His name

The name of the LORD is a strong fortress; the godly run to him and are safe.

Proverbs 18:10 NLT

Let them all praise the name of the LORD. For his name is very great; his glory towers over the earth and heaven!

Psalms 148:13 NLT

2. Put a guard on my tongue - no profanity

...but no one can tame the tongue. It is an uncontrollable evil, full of deadly poison. Sometimes it praises our Lord and Father, and sometimes it breaks out into curses against those who have been made in the image of God. And so blessing and cursing come pouring out of the same mouth. Surely, my brothers and sisters, this is not right!

James 3:8-10 NLT

But most of all, dear brothers and sisters, never take an oath, by heaven or earth or anything else. Just say a simple yes or no, so that you will not sin and be condemned for it.

James 5:12 NLT

3. Call on His name for salvation

And anyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Acts 2:21 NLT

But now the people believed Philip's message of Good News concerning the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ. As a result, many men and women were baptized.

Acts 8:12 NLT