

**BOTTOM LINE WITH GOD'S WORD  
FOR MEN #37**

**Theme: The Obscene**

**Scripture: Romans 12:2 (ESV)**

*“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”*

**A Thought:**

**At one time or another (years past or recently) a few us have flipped the obscene one finger salute. If not literally at least the thought ran through our mind. God tells us that this repulsive act is a no, no! Matthew 15:19 (NLT) “For from the heart comes evil thoughts, murder, adultery, all sexual immorality, theft, lying, and slander.” The uncouth British pop star (M.I.A.) displayed the universal obscene gesture to over 100 million viewers on the most watched television program in history - Superbowl 2012. Why are we not surprised? NFL and NBC are the potentates of entertainment and they continue to hire provocative entertainers; remember Janet Jackson’s oops, sorry scandal? In my research for this piece I ran across the lyrics “Give Me All Your Luvn” the song performed by Madonna at the gridiron spectacle. Hold on folks...while we were munching on our Boursin cheese and chicken wings these were the lyrics cascading from Madge’s mouth “I’mma say this once, yea, I don’t give a \_ \_ \_ \_! Truth be told our gathering did not watch the half-time festivities...we took quick glances and commented on the regalia worn by the dancers and the visual effects. We did not pay attention to the lyrics and or gestures. Not unlike the world around us...stuff that is abhorrent to the Lord and we are in the midst of the obscene. One more time - seven weighty words...”Do not be conformed to this world....Romans 12:2.**

**Now....what are your thoughts? Write them down.**

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**Talk to yourself:**

- **Do you pay attention what is taking place around you...worldly stuff.**
- **What is the best antidote to worldliness?**
- **Are you truly transformed vis-a-vis cursing? Slander? Lascivious thoughts? Like most of us are you striving and working diligently to do so?**
- **Know your heart - from it stems the good and the bad. Matt: 15:19**

**Scriptures to read:**

- **Matthew 5:28, 15:11, 19-20; Proverbs 4:23; Romans 13:14; Mark 7:21-22; Ephesians 4:29; James 3:18**  
*Wholesome thoughts: Romans 8:5; Philipians 4:8; Hebrews 3:1;*  
*When you sin - don't give up: 1John 1:8, 2:1; 2 Corinthians 13:11;*  
**James 3:2**

**Quote: George Washington (www.brainyquote.om)**

*"The foolish and wicked practice of profane cursing and swearing is a vice so mean and low that every person of sense and character detests and despises it."*

**Bottom Line:**

**We live in a world that has been bombarded by what is considered "norm" today...foul mouths. We have taken a back seat to contemporary music, film, television, social media and by osmosis we have been co-opted by the demons of pop culture. If you want people to challenge your relationship with the Lord spread a few foul words and or gestures around. In Matthew 15:19 Jesus tells us... "For from the heart comes evil thoughts..." The good and bad comes from the heart. So, why don't we glorify God with our speech and our actions? Good question. Do you have the answer?**

**NOW.....THAT'S THE BOTTOM LINE.**

**Spiritual Dabbler,**

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