



"10 Values That Grow Strong Christians", Series, Part 3
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Taking God's Name Seriously! (Exodus 20:7)

*⁷ "You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God,
for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless
who misuses his name."*

What's In A Person's Name?

- A Person's Reputation
- A Person's Character
- A Person's Authority

What Does It Mean?

1. To "misuse" God's name means to use it "in vain", (irreverently, meaninglessly/flippantly, and unrealistically)
 - Using His name to curse/insult
 - Using His name without thinking about Him
 - Using His name to promote lies/sin
 - Using His name to promote selfishness
 - Using His name to exalt our own reputation
2. This seriously offends God and He will not dismiss guilt from those who continue to do it.

How Can We Use God's Name Correctly?

1. Be in awe of God's name all the time. (Ps. 29:2)
2. Represent God's name honorably. (2 Tim. 2:19, Col. 3:17)
3. Depend upon God's name fully. (Ps. 33:21, Acts 4:12, Jn. 20:31)