

## NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed;  
And free us from all ills, in this world and the next!

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given;  
The Son and Him who reigns with Them in highest Heaven;  
The one eternal God, whom earth and Heaven adore;  
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

HEBREWS 13:15

# *Happy* THANKSGIVING

*...let us continually offer up a sacrifice of  
praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that  
give thanks to His name.*

**SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP**



## ***Looking Ahead –***

We will meet the following Sundays –

We do not meet Nov. 29

Dec. 6

# ***“Making An Impression”***

Titus 2:6-10

November 22, 2015

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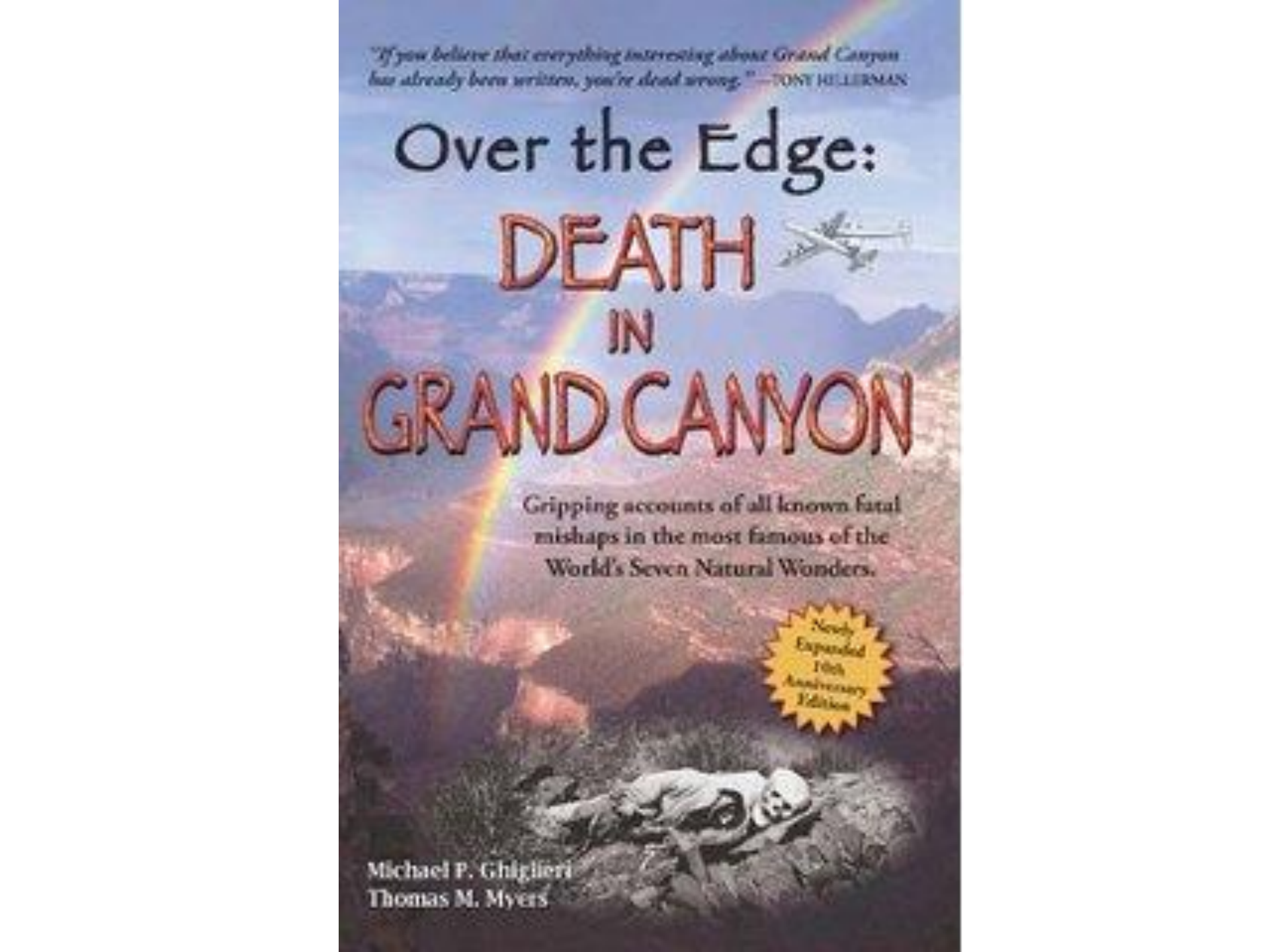
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# **“Young Men”**

“sensible” - sound in judgment, one who is in control of his mind and his thoughts, not caught up in the trivial, not easily distracted, not swept away by his emotions.

*"If you believe that everything interesting about Grand Canyon has already been written, you're dead wrong."*—TONY HILLERMAN

# Over the Edge: DEATH IN GRAND CANYON

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## **Ps 25:7**

7 Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

## **Prov 1:4**

4 To give prudence to the naive,  
To the youth knowledge and discretion,

## **Ecc1 11:9,10**

9 Rejoice, young man, during your childhood, and let your heart be pleasant during the days of young manhood. And follow the impulses of your heart and the desires of your eyes. Yet know that God will bring you to judgment for all these things.

10 So, remove grief and anger from your heart and put away pain from your body, because childhood and the prime of life are fleeting.

## **Ecc1 12:1**

1 Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near when you will say, "I have no delight in them";

## **1 Cor 16:13**

13 Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.

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# “Titus, strike an impression”

“example of . . .” - τυπος - tupos – an impression or mark produced by striking a hammer against a die (model).

## **1 Tim 4:12**

12 Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe.

## **1 Peter 5:3**

3 nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock.

“**good deeds**” - Good deeds are deeds done in obedience to God’s Word, out of love for Him and others. They include everything from listening to someone who needs to talk, to praying with someone, helping someone move, working in a soup kitchen to whatever good and beneficial acts that can be done for others.

**“purity in doctrine”** – not contaminated in what you believe the Bible teaches. Leave your stamp on others that you “accurately handle the Word of truth” (2 Tim. 2:15)

## **2 Cor 4:2**

2 but we have renounced the things hidden because of shame, not walking in craftiness or adulterating the word of God, but by the manifestation of truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

- **“adulterate”** – render something poorer in quality by adding another substance, typically an inferior one.

**“dignified”** - σεμνοτης – honorable, reserved, composed, worthy of respect, not superficial, its what entitles a person to be revered and respected.

“I allow youth all that pleasure which the Word of God sanctions, and which His sentence in the day of judgment will not condemn. I would say, "Young man, enjoy yourself, your senses are in full vigor, your imagination lively; it is the spring season of your existence, gratify your genius and your taste. And as long as your pleasures accord with the letter and spirit of revelation, and will secure the approbation of God in the judgment day—they are innocent and lawful. But take heed how you allow yourself any gratification until you have tested it by the Word of God, and proved it to be innocent.”

- **John Angell James**

Preached January 4th, 1824

**“sound in speech which is beyond reproach”** – this is your ordinary conversation that you have with other people.

### **Matt 12:36-37**

36 "But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment.

37 "For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

### **James 3:6**

6 And the tongue is a fire, the very world of iniquity; the tongue is set among our members as that which defiles the entire body, and sets on fire the course of our life, and is set on fire by hell.

### **Col 4:6**

6 Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person.

## **12 sins of the tongue –**

1. Lying – not telling the truth.
2. Deceit – concealing or misrepresenting the truth.
3. Flattery – insincere praise to further one's own interest.
4. Slander - the utterance of defamatory statements to injure the reputation or well-being of a person.
5. Bragging – to talk in an arrogant manner.
6. Complaining – to express discontent.
7. Gossip - rumor or talk of a personal, sensational, or intimate nature.
8. Profanity
9. Cursing
10. Obscenity
11. Crudeness
12. Euphemisms

# Profanity

**Profane** ... Showing contempt or irreverence toward God or sacred things...". Profanity involves referring to anything holy in a way that mocks or ridicules it, or otherwise fails to show proper respect or reverence for it. Some people profane the names of God (God, Jesus, Christ, Lord) by using them as expressions of anger or disgust or in a light, flippant way.

## **Ex 20:7**

7 "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.

## **Lev 19:12**

12 'You shall not swear falsely by My name, so as to profane the name of your God; I am the Lord.



# Cursing

"**Curse**" ... An appeal or prayer for evil or injury to befall someone ... To invoke evil, calamity, or injury upon..." (*The American Heritage Dictionary*)

We curse someone anytime we say that we wish harm would happen to them.

- "**Damn**" ... to bring condemnation upon; ruin ... to condemn to eternal punishment in hell ..." (*Random House College Dictionary*)
- "**Hell**" ... the place or state of punishment of the wicked after death ..."

## **Rom 12:14**

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

## **James 3:8-9**

8 But no one can tame the tongue; it is a restless evil and full of deadly poison.

9 With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men,

# Obscenity

**"Obscene"** ... That which is offensive to modesty or decency; indecent; lewd; language with sexual overtones.

Words, jokes, or expressions are "obscene" when they are sexually suggestive or when they make a joke or expression of disgust by vulgar reference to things that should be kept private.

## **2 Peter 2:18**

18 For speaking out arrogant words of vanity they entice by fleshly desires, by sensuality,

## Crudeness

*“Crude” ... to be coarse, vulgar, filthy, dirty talk, off-color jokes.*

### **Eph 5:3-4**

3 But immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints;

4 and there must be no filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.

### **Eph 4:29**

29 Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear.

## Euphemisms

*“Euphemism” ... the substitution of a mild, indirect or vague expression for a word thought to be offensive, harsh, or blunt...“*

- People who are angry or upset, or for emphasis will sometimes use altered forms of a word in place of the curse, profanity, or obscenity. Yet the substitute means the same, is used the same way, sounds similar, and is obviously an altered form of the objectionable word. (darn for damn, gee for Jesus, gosh or golly for God, OMG for Oh My God, heck for Hell)

### **Matt 6:9**

9 "Pray, then, in this way:

'Our Father who is in heaven,

Hallowed be Your name.

## **Consider –**

- 1) Do I have my temper under control? (often leads to sinful words)*
- 2) Do I realize what I am saying or is it out of habit?*
- 3) Does it bother my conscience to say this?*
- 4) Will this be beneficial to those who hear, or will it draw them away from Christ?*
- 5) Do I use crude speech because I think it will impress others?*
- 6) Does my speech show proper respect for the name of God and all that is holy?*
- 7) What is your speech like when you are away from other believers and are with unbelievers (at work, with neighbors)?*
- 8) Does my speech provoke sinful thoughts in others?*
- 9) Would Jesus say this?*
- 10) Does your speech glorify God?*

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“ευαρεστος” – euarestos – to satisfy, to be acceptable, to please.

### **Col 3:22-24**

22 Slaves, in all things obey those who are your masters on earth, not with external service, as those who merely please men, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord.

23 Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men,

24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.

### **Eph 6:5-8**

5 Slaves, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in the sincerity of your heart, as to Christ;

6 not by way of eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart.

7 With good will render service, as to the Lord, and not to men,

8 knowing that whatever good thing each one does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether slave or free.

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“αντιλεγο” = from **anti** = against + **lego** = to speak,  
literally “speaking against”, “not talk back”.

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## **A good employee –**

- *will be submissive to his boss*
- *will do all he can to satisfy his employer*
- *will not argue or talk back*
- *will not steal anything from the company*
- *will be loyal to his boss*

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“κοσμεω” – kosmeo - to heighten the attractiveness  
of by adding decorative details.



“Your duty is to adorn the Gospel by your life. The words signify to deck or adorn the Gospel, to make it attractive and lovely to the eyes of beholders. When there is a beautiful harmony and lovely proportion between Christ’s doctrine and our practice—then do we walk suitably to (worthy of) the Lord of glory.”

**- John Flavel (1628-1691)**

# **Application**

1. Are you any different from other employees in your company in the way you treat your employer?
2. Is your speech beyond reproach?
3. Are you “making a godly impression” on those around you?