

# Cleaning Up Bad Language

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John received a parrot as a gift. The parrot had a bad attitude and an even worse vocabulary. Every word out of the bird's mouth was rude, obnoxious, and often laced with profanity. John tried and tried to change the bird's attitude by consistently saying only polite words and playing soft music.

Finally, John was fed up and he yelled at the parrot. The parrot yelled back. John shook the parrot and the parrot got angrier and even ruder. In desperation, John grabbed the bird and put him in the freezer. For a few minutes the parrot squawked and kicked and screamed. Then there was total quiet. Not a peep was heard for over a minute.

Fearing that he had seriously injured the parrot, John quickly opened the door, and the parrot calmly stepped out onto John's outstretched finger. He said, 'I believe I may have offended you with my rude language and actions. I'm sincerely remorseful for my inappropriate transgressions and I fully intend to do everything I can to correct my rude and unforgivable behavior.'

John was stunned at the change in the bird's attitude. As he was about to ask the parrot what had made such a dramatic change in his behavior, the

bird continued, 'May I ask what the turkey did?'

'Now ye also put off ... blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth ...' Colossians 3:8