

***Civics: A Christian Worldview. Acceptable or “Speaking Evil”?* (10-15 minutes)**

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS/KEY

Instructions

1. **Objective:** Students evaluate 15 statements to determine whether or not each is acceptable, or “speaking evil,” using the biblical standard.
2. Print copies of Page 2 for each student, and hand out.
3. Give students 5-7 minutes to choose “Acceptable” or “Speaking Evil.”
4. Review together. (Ask for volunteers! Key is below.)

Answer Key

1. A
2. A
3. SE
4. A
5. SE
6. A
7. SE
8. A
9. A
10. SE
11. SE
12. A
13. A
14. SE
15. A

Note

The standard Christians should use, according to Jude 8 and 2 Peter 2:10, is whether speech against a public official is a curse, an insult, or ridicule.

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Choose **ONE**:

- **ACCEPTABLE** — an attitude/statement that meets the Biblical standard (write “A” next to the statement)
- **SPEAKING EVIL** — a criticism that insults, mocks, or curses (write “SE” next to the statement)

1. “I pray for the salvation of those in authority.”
2. “This law contradicts Scripture, so obedience is not possible.”
3. “Our president is a total joke.”
4. “This law is immoral and will hurt society.”
5. “Congress is full of brainless idiots.”
6. “I call this ruler to repentance.”
7. “That governor is a corrupt clown who deserves prison.”
8. “I will submit to this authority while appealing through lawful means.”
9. “I believe this official’s actions are sinful.”
10. “Anyone who supports this leader is brain-dead.”
11. “That ruler deserves whatever violence comes his way.”
12. “This policy harms families and should be repealed.”
13. “This decision violates Scripture, so I cannot comply.”
14. “These leaders are disgusting crooks.”
15. “This ruling is unjust and should be reversed.”