

Sun 5pm - June 15, 2025

Pejorative Buzzwords - “buzzword” - “a word or phrase ... that is fashionable [trendy, popular, widely used] at a particular time or in a particular context” *Oxford Dictionary*. Buzzwords are informal terms, sometimes used for quick recall (Josh’s class - pertinent Scriptures), but also used as **perjorative terms (words expressing disapproval or even contempt) to impress or persuade**. Buzzwords used to express disapproval *do not prove something is bad, or wrong*—they reflect the *subjective* view of the user. “Right” or “wrong” is determined by a *standard*, and the standard Christians use is the Word of God rightly interpreted—so, **supply Scriptures** (“it is written”) that mold your views to the questions below. **Mt 4:4,6,7; Mt 15:4; 19:4; 21:42; 22:29; Lk 10:26.**

Examples of moral and religious buzzwords used to express disapproval and contempt—Note: these words are neutral morally and religiously, but can be used in a contextual setting and accompanied with a contemptuous tone of voice and facial expressions to impress (and maybe persuade) contemptuous disapproval.

Have you heard them used? How do you feel if directed at you? ... at a brother or sister in Christ? What’s the best defence both for yourself or someone else when such terms are used against you or another person?

- “**narrow-minded**”
- “**anti**” (1950s,60s)
- “**liberal**”
- “**housewife**” (when accompanied by a contemptuous tone of voice and disapproving facial expressions—“She’s just a ‘housewife’.”)
- Others you have heard and would like to mention in class?

“**Violent**” / “**Violence**” (studied in the 5pm class, May 27, 2025)

- What is “violence”? Is there more than one definition?
- Does *anyone* believe using violence is *always* wrong? Explain.
- What determines whether violence is right or wrong?

“**Racist**” / “**Racism**” (sermon on this topic, July 5, 2020)

- What *is* “racism”?
- Does God approve of racism? If not, how would you prove it?
- Was it racist when God commanded the elimination of a race? If not, why not?

“**Discrimination**”

- Look up “discrimination” using dictionaries. Note some of the synonyms. Among the definitions, find at least one describing righteous behavior and one finding unrighteous behavior.
- When you or someone else is charged with “discrimination,” must we use “discrimination” to ascertain whether the charge is just? Explain.
- Is there *anyone* who does not practice discrimination? *Should* we practice discrimination, and how would you substantiate that your answer is correct?

“**Authoritarian**” / “**Authoritarianism**”

- What does “authoritarian” mean? (Note: there are *different* definitions.)
- Is respect for and obedience to authority good for society? Explain.
- What determines whether attitudes toward and exercise of authority is good or bad?

What ultimately matters to the believer is not what *men* say or think of us, but what **God** says and what He thinks!
1Co 4:3-4; 1Th 2:4; Jn 7:24