

But foolish talking and jesting which are not convenient. The NIV has been published this month and I'd like to read those same verses from it which I believe bring out the sense much more clearly. "Be immitaters of God therefore as dear children, and live a life of love even as Christ loved us and gave Himself for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. But among ~~there~~ you there must not be a hint of sexual immorality or of any kind of impurity or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. Nor should there be obsenities or foolish talk, or coarse jokes which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving." I think a person will get far more meaning out of that, than out of the statement "jesting which are not convenient."

Having read the KJV all my life and read it I'm amazed how a verse which seemed so common to me, a verse which I've known all my life, when I stop and think about it, just does not convey thought to people today. Trust in the Lord and do good. Every minister needs this message. Every preacher needs this. Every Christian needs this. Do good. God has called us freely by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, but God wants us to live lives that are worthy of of Him. How sad it is when you meet a minister who has fallen into sin. Fallen into sin which has become widely known. Sin which has brought reproach upon himself and the church. Sin which results in making it very difficult for him to carry on Christian work of any kind. You meet them in many places. Men who are working as grocery clerks. Men who are working in all kinds of activities who had given