

Gossips: Worse Than Thieves!

Our words can be extremely powerful, either for good (Eph. 4:29) or ill (James 3:6). One form of evil use of the tongue is gossip. The following illustration by an unknown author drives this point home:

Once upon a time, an old man spread rumors that his neighbor was a thief. As a result, the young man was arrested. Days later the young man was proven innocent. After being released he sued the old man for wrongly accusing him.

In court the old man told the Judge: "They were just comments, didn't harm anyone."

The judge, before passing sentence on the case, told the old man: "Write all the things you said about him in a piece of paper. Cut them up and on the way home, throw the pieces of paper out. Tomorrow, come back to hear the sentence."

Next day, the judge told the old man: "Before receiving the sentence, you will have to go out and gather all the pieces of paper that you threw out yesterday."

The old man said: "I can't do that! The wind spread them and I won't know where to find them!"

The judge then replied: "The same way, simple comments may destroy the honor of a man to such an extent that one is not able to fix it. If you can't speak well of someone, rather don't say anything. Let's all be masters of our mouths, so that we won't be slaves of our words."

Gossips are worse than thieves because they steal another person's dignity, honor, reputation and credibility which are impossible to restore. So remember this: when your feet slip, you can always recover your balance; but when your tongue slips, you cannot recover your words.

Let us remember the damage gossip can do! "Where there is no wood, the fire goes out; And where there is no talebearer, strife ceases" (Proverbs 26:20).

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Attending church services regularly is like making a path through the forest: the more often you use it, the less obstruction you find in the way."

Sunday Worship:

Will Vann, Preacher

9:30 am Bible Study

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10:20 am Worship

Email: wvann@yahoo.com

12:30 pm Afternoon

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Wednesday Night

7:pm

God's Word Of Truth

By Ron Boatwright

The truth of God's word is found in the Bible. Jesus says in John 8:32, "And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." Only the truth that is found in God's word can make us free from sin so we can be saved. God wants all people to be saved. 1 Timothy 2:4 says concerning God, "Who desires all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth." Before one can be saved one must first come to a knowledge of God's truth.

But there are many people today who do not want to know the truth. 2 Thessalonians 2:10, 12 says many will "perish because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved...that they all may be condemned who do not believe the truth." Why will they be condemned? Because one can not obey the truth until he first believes it.

Many people as 2 Timothy 3:7 says are "Always learning and never able to come to a knowledge of the truth." Why aren't they able to come to a knowledge of the truth? Because as Romans 1:25 says, "who exchange the truth of God into a lie." And as 2 Timothy 4:4 says, "And they will turn their ears from the truth, and be turned to fables." Why are so many people turning from the truth? 2 Peter 2:2 says, "many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed." What is going to happen to people who believe these lies? 2 Thessalonians 2:11-12 says, "God will send them strong delusion that they would believe a lie, that they might all be damned who believe not the truth." The world is saturated with religious lies that are going to cause the majority of people to be lost forever in the burning fires of Hell (Matthew 7:13-14). So it is a very serious matter that we know, believe, & obey only God's truth. One cannot be saved unless he does so. People must read and follow their instruction manual (the Bible) on how to go to heaven.

Those to Serve

(B) Mike Mallett FV) Doug Pruett

(O) Calvin Burks (A) Kyle Stifflemire

1st prayer Vernon Houts 2nd prayer Jack Wall

Announcements: Keith Stifflemire Singing: Judd Wall

Prayer List: Naomi Wall , Mildred Lovell , Gene Payne, Lloyd Crownover, Ruby Jones, Pray for our nation, our Troops and Law Enforcement

James 3:14-18 (KJV)

14 But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.

15 This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.

16 For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.



To

Cassidy Stapp June 2nd

Loyd Crownover June 5th

Jeret Burks June 7th

Warren Miller 15th

Naomi Wall June 23rd



To

Will & Autumn Vann

June 14th

Dates to Remember

May 29th

Noon Fellowship Meal

May 30th

Memorial Day

June 14th

Flag Day