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Lessons for Today

AM: Brian Mitchell
"How do we stop gossip?" Col 3:8-10

PM: Brian Mitchell
"Marriage Counseling-Part 2
1 Corinthians 7:12-16

How Do We Stop Gossip?

Where there is no wood the fire ceases. Fire needs 3 things to exist: Fuel, Oxygen and Heat. Without anyone of these elements there is no fire. Likewise gossip needs three things to exist, thrive, and do damage. It needs a victim, a tale bearer, and an audience. Again, without all of these constituent elements gossip will not take form and no damage can be done.

The first step to stopping gossip is the realization that none of us personally wants to be the subject of gossip, tale bearing, or slander. Once we admit that, then we move to the next step, which is the personal application of the Golden Rule. "Do unto others as you would have them do to you" Mt7:12. If you don't want to be gossiped about or slandered, then don't do it to others.

What do we do when we are tempted to gossip, be a tale bearer, or slander someone? Remember that no one benefits from gossip and slander. "A good name in a man or woman is the immediate jewel of the soul. He who steals my purse steals trash, but he who steals my good name robs me of that which enriches him not and makes me poor indeed" Shakespeare. In other words, no one benefits from gossip and slander. Slandering someone else's good name not only does you no good, it many times does irreparable harm to those who are the victims of your slander.

Remember that gossip can and often does destroy your own trustworthiness and reputation—Prov.26:24-26. The more you gossip about others the less trustworthy you become. "He who gossips with you will gossip about you." One of the gossipers's main goals is to inflate their own reputation by tearing down the reputation of others, but in the end, it is really your reputation that suffers. Gossip is not befitting a child of God and must be done away with—Col.3:8-10.

Remember that once gossip and slander is out you can't get it back. There was a story of the young man who slandered the name of an older preacher that he did not like very much. Upon realizing the error of his actions, he went to the old preacher and repented, he then asked how he could make things right. So the old preacher took the young man outside on a breezy day and tore open a feather pillow, and then as the wind scattered the feathers in every direction he told the young man to go out and retrieve each of those feathers. The point is obvious: "We are many times no more able to repair the damage that gossip does, than the young man would be able to gather all of those feathers back."

Realize that your heart is the heart of the matter. "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks" Mt.12:34. Jesus teaches us that we speak about those things which are present in our minds, so if we are always dwelling upon negative things, those things are going to be manifested in our communications with others. So if gossip and slander come from the heart, and are themselves a direct result of that which I am focused on, then I need to change the things I focus on. If I am continually focused on the negative aspects of people and situations, then those are the kind of things I am going to share with others.

So we need to change our focus and look for the positive. Instead of dwelling on the fact that someone has done you wrong, and you must therefore get even by talking negatively to others about them, remember God who says "vengeance is mine I will repay." So speak what is good for necessary edification" Eph.4:29.

Brian Mitchell

Worship Times

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:00 am
AM Worship: 10:00 am
PM Worship: 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7:00 pm

For the Record

Sunday Class: 88
Sunday AM: 130
Sunday PM: 72
Wednesday PM: 83
Contribution: \$5241
Budget: \$4831

Weekly Wisdom

Turn your ear to me,
come quickly to my
rescue; be my rock
of refuge, a strong
fortress to save me.

Psalms 31:2

Celebrating This Week...

Birthdays

Allen Hedge: 06.20
Jasmine Pfeiffer: 06.20
Andrew Mitchell: 06.22
Kylee Myers: 06.23
Bill Welshans: 06.23

Serving This Week

Announcements: David Selvig

SUNDAY

Greeters: Larry & Margaret Dowdy

Ushers: Scott Spraggs/Kenny Simmons

A/V: Luke Selvig

Nursery: Katelyn Dowdy

Lead Singing: Greg Dowdy

Head Lord's Table: Phil Swiney

Scripture: Seth Spraggs

Prayers:

AM: Randy Seabaugh/Cody Naramore

PM: Jerry Singleton/Wally Eck

WEDNESDAY

Lead Singing: Ron Fehr

Devo: Bob Cowles (Knoxville, TN)

"Love"

A/V: Luke Selvig

Prayer: Mat Kee

Elder Chair: David Selvig

Communion to Shut-Ins: Gary Ridenour

Worship Organizer: Mat Kee

Chronological Bible Reading

June 18: Proverbs 27-29

June 19: Ecclesiastes 1-6

June 20: Ecclesiastes 7-12

June 21: 1 Kings 10-11, 2 Chronicles 9

June 22: Proverbs 30-31

June 23: 1 Kings 12-14

June 24: 2 Chronicles 10-12

Continuing Prayer Needs

****Contact the office with updates****

Allen family, Esther Beck (cancer), **Melissa Brown, Tim Corzine** (Steve's son—fall/healing), **Bill Dillman** (Marcia Ridenour's dad), **Newt & Kay Gilliland, Jalonda Harris** (Silvers' daughter-in-law—cancer), **Allen & Juanita Hedge, Sonny Huskey** (Jack's dad), **Francis & Diana Ivanovich, Betty Jones, Scott Lanpher** (Barbara's son), **Carolyn Neese, Brent Newton** (eye hemorrhage), **Mary Jo Parker** (Barbara Brown's sister—Cancer), **Martha Riehn** (Susan Seabaugh's sister-in-law—chemo), **Sandra Shell** (Kathy Green's niece—health), **Susan Seabaugh, Steve Simmons, Jerry Ward** (bypass surgery), **Chris Weaver**



Remember in Prayer

- **Chris Weaver** is at Life Care and is continuing to recovery from her hospitalization.
- **Darlene Bartolo** had knee surgery. She is doing well and at home recovering.
- **Edd Sterchi** has requested prayers as he is suffering with severe lower back and leg pain and is unable to stand or walk for more than a few minutes.
- Remember the family of John McLain's brother, **Fred McLain**, who passed away last week.

News & Notes

- **Children's Homes** item of the week: **Spaghetti O's**
- **A/V Note:** Those who are scheduled to run the A/V system on Sunday will be expected to serve on the following Wednesday as well. Please make arrangements if you are unable to serve.
- Please check the list to transport **Newt Gilliland** to his PT appointments and sign up to help. Newt is able to walk, but cannot drive. Each appointment lasts about an hour.
- The **CFS Timothy Campaign** cans are due **TODAY!**
- All ladies are invited to a wedding shower honoring **Kelsey Martin** next **Sunday, June 25** following morning services. Lunch will be provided. Kelsey and Joseph Berryman are registered at Target and Amazon and are planning an August 12 wedding.
- **Directory update** will be in July. Please contact the office with any changes.
- **Blood Drive** will be July 5th from 2:30-6:30. Sign-up sheets are posted.
- Please sign up on the bulletin board if you are interested in attending a **concealed carry class**. No date has been set. See Shawn, Kenny or Troy with questions.

Elder/Deacon Selection

- As we continue the process of selecting additional elders and deacons, please pray for wisdom in making decisions. Names have been submitted and current deacons have interviewed those men over the past week. The elders will be conducting final interviews between now and June 25. Names will be submitted to the congregation for consideration at that time.

Youth Corner

- Please sign up if you would be willing to host the youth for Dessert and Devo on an upcoming Thursday evening. See Christopher with questions.
- **June 19:** Man Monday at 7pm at the church building
- **June 22:** Dessert & Devo hosted by the Mitchells
- **June 26:** Man Monday at 7pm at the church building
- **July 6:** Dessert & Devo hosted by the Fehrs
- **July 9-14:** BYC Session 3

