

**“How to Avoid Being Offensive and How to Cope With Offensive People”**

(#2 in Dealing with People)

*Prov. \_\_\_:8* The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.

*Prov. 20:19* He that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth secrets: therefore meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips.

*Ps. 34:13* Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

*Prov. 13:3* He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.

*Prov. \_\_\_:23* Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.

*James 1:26* If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.

*Prov. 10:18* He that hideth hatred with lying lips, and he that uttereth a slander, is a fool.

**III. To keep unity we must follow and honor God's authorities, especially godly \_\_\_\_\_.** (See message on our website: “God's Special Agents” 2-1-2009am)(Parents-the home, pastors-the church, teachers-the classroom.)

*Col. 3:20* Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.

*Heb. \_\_\_:17* Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

*1 Thess. 5:12-13* And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; 13 And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.

*Heb 13:7* Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation.

*Ps 133:1* Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

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**I. Even after we get saved Satan wants to make us a burden to each other; God wants to help us be a \_\_\_\_\_ to each other!**

*Gal. \_\_\_:2* Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

**Review:** “Why Can't We All Just Get Along?”

(I preached a message on this on 1/10/2010pm)

**A. Especially as believers in the same local church family, why do people do and say rude and mean things? Usually because of carnality in their lives and a proud attitude.**

*Ps. 101:5* Whoso privily slandereth his neighbor, him will I cut off: him that hath an high look and a proud heart will not I suffer.

*Prov. 13:10* Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised is wisdom.

*Prov.16:5* Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD:

*Prov. 28:25* He that is of a proud heart stirreth up strife:

*Matt. 20:26-27* ...whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; 27 And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant:

*Matt. 23:12* ...whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.

*Phil. 2:3* Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

**B. As pride causes some to do or say hurtful things, others demonstrate their pride by wearing a chip on their shoulder and are ever easily offended.**

*Ps. 119:165* Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.

**C. Satan is expert at creating resentment, anger, disunity, even hatred between Christians, often over trivial misunderstandings.**

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*Rom. 12:16* Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.

*1 Cor. 1:10* Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

*Phil 1:27* Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

*John 17:21* That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

*Proverbs 17:9* He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth very friends.

*Proverbs 13:3* He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.

**II. We're to go the “\_\_\_\_\_” with others, especially believers (especially others in our local church).**

*John 13:34* A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

*Rom. \_\_\_:5* Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be like-minded one toward another according to Christ Jesus:

*2 Cor. 13: \_\_\_* Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

*Eph \_\_\_:3* Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

*Phil. \_\_\_:2* Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

*Rom. \_\_\_:5* So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

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*James \_\_\_:16* For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

*Prov.3:30* Strive not with a man without cause, if he have done thee no harm

*Prov. \_\_\_:14* ...leave off contention, before it be meddled with.

*Prov. \_\_\_:3* It is an honor for a man to cease from strife: but every fool will be meddling.

*Prov. 25:8* Go not forth hastily to strive, lest thou know not what to do in the end thereof, when thy neighbor hath put thee to shame.

*Prov. 11:13* A talebearer revealeth secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter.

*Eph. 4:\_\_\_* With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;

*Heb. 12:\_\_\_* Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

*Prov. 10:\_\_\_* Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins.

*1 Pet. \_\_\_:8* And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.

**A. We're not to invite trouble.**

*Prov. \_\_\_:17* He that passeth by, and meddleth with strife belonging not to him, is like one that taketh a dog by the ears.

*Prov. \_\_\_:18* A wrathful man stirreth up strife: but he that is slow to anger appeaseth strife.

*Prov. \_\_\_:19* He loveth transgression that loveth strife: and he that exalteth his gate seeketh destruction.

**B. We're not to be a busybody, slanderer, or participate in gossip.**

*1 Pet 4:15* But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters.

*Levit. \_\_\_:16* Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people:

*Prov. \_\_\_:9* He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth very friends.