

“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.