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Reminder

The weekly newsletter of the church of Christ in Bellaire, Texas

Gossip

Someone has said, "Gossip is like a blotter -- it absorbs a lot of dirt, and gets it all backwards." Webster defines gossip to mean: "A person who chatters or repeats idle talk and rumors about others."

Gossip wounds. "The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the body." (Proverbs 18:8) It can be often seen that the wounds of tale bearing never heal. Sometimes the damage is so great that it can never be undone.

Gossip separates friends. "He who covers a transgression seeks love, But he who repeats a matter separates friends." (Proverbs 17:9) Again, Solomon said, "A perverse man sows strife, And a whisperer separates the best of friends." (Proverbs 16:28) A lot of friendships have been ruined by gossip.

Gossip sows strife and digs up evil. "An ungodly man digs up evil, And it is on his lips like a burning fire." (Proverbs 16:27) One who is eager to talk, he who must whisper will find something to talk about -- even if he has to dig it up! His lips burn with a message of gossip. Strife is the result.

Gossip ensnares the soul of the gossiper. "A fool's mouth is his destruction, And his lips are the snare of his soul." (Proverbs 18:7) The person who gossips is digging his own grave with his mouth.

Gossip is classed with the worst of evil. It is mentioned with such sins as fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness, murder, deceit, malignity, haters of God, etc. (Romans 1:29-30)

Gossip is dangerous. "He who goes about as a talebearer reveals secrets; therefore do not associate with one who flatters with his lips." (Proverbs 20:19) A talebearer reveals secrets, But he who is of a faithful spirit conceals a matter. (Proverbs 11:13)

The remedy. "Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips." (Psalm 141:3) The Psalmist was having difficulty in guarding his words. David's weakness is quite common with many today.

By Johnie Edwards

About Us

Bellaire

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Who Are We?

A group of God's children, striving to maintain the organization, doctrine and worship as taught in the New Testament.

Schedule of Services

Sunday:
9:30 AM Worship
11:00 AM Bible Study

Wednesday:
7:30 PM Bible Study

How to Make a Failure out of Life

SERVICE

Welcome – H. Banks
 Hymn Director – L. Williams
 Opening Prayer– J. Carithers
 Morning Lesson – S. Garrett
 Announcements – B. Haley
 Closing Prayer – J. Moon

EVANGELIST

Steve Garrett

ELDERS

Brian Haley
 Mark Mann
 Matt Miles
 Mike Pharris

DEACONS

Scott Clanton
 David Davila
 Dan Kimbrough
 Jesse Knapp
 Alex Morolez
 Gregory Williams

BIBLE CLASSES

Bible Questions and Answers
 Alex Morolez and Mark Mann
 Colossians 4:10-28; 1 Thess.
 Steve Garrett
 Graded classes for children

DIRECTORY UPDATES

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- 1 - Follow the line of least resistance. Be neutral on moral and spiritual issues. Straddle the fence.
- 2 - Alienate yourself from the church membership. Attend services only when you "feel" like it, and when it is most convenient.
- 3 - Indulge your carnal appetites. Take it easy on Sunday, and never go to worship. Be lazy and selfish. Accept the pleasures offered by the world.
- 4 - Look at the inconsistencies and sins of others. Pick flaws, find faults, and criticize. Ignore your own faults.
- 5 - Unite with worldly organizations. Become a member of some club or fraternity. They do lots of good, and you don't have to compromise your convictions to belong.
- 6 - Run around with people who have nothing to do with Christ and His church. Don't bring religion into your social life.
- 7 - Eclipse your salvation with worldly interests. After all, you have a living to make. Put dollars and business ahead of your commitment to Christ.

NEWS AND NOTES

Daniel Broadwell has accepted the position of evangelist for the church in Bellaire. He will be sharing preaching duties with Steve, and is scheduled to start in early September. We look forward to Daniel and Beth joining us here!

Continue praying for those of our number who have on-going health issues. Bob, Stark, Deb Haley, Janice Kimbrough, Jan Cooper, Curby Stech, Laura Claburn and Don Hurd.

An Update on Bob Stark:

Last night Erma said that Bob is doing really well. Compared to the way he was, he has made an incredible improvement. He's eating a lot, talking more and very alert. The Dr. said that next week they intend to implant the LVAD pump.

The elders have announced plans to renovate and update our building. Please take a look at the concept drawings in the foyer.