

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**AUG 28, 2016**

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AM - BEN WRIGHT - "SPEAK NOT EVIL ONE OF ANOTHER"

PM - BEN WRIGHT - "THE UNSHAKABLE KINGDOM SHALL REMAIN"

**GOSPEL MEETING AT DOVERTOWN SEP 11-13**

**OUR 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS ARE GOING TO BE GIVEN TO VARIOUS MISSION EFFORTS WE SUPPORT: OCTOBER - MSOP/GBN**

**BIRTHDAYS:**

Aug 28: Braden Wright

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Sep 3: Chuck & Patricia Windham

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## TIMES OF SERVICES

### **SUNDAY MORNING**

Bible Class 9:30

Worship 10:20

### **SUNDAY EVENING 5:00**

### **WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00**

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**SPEAK NOT EVIL ONE OF ANOTHER**  
**(James 4:11-12)**

**I. The \_\_\_\_\_ (James 4:11a).**

- A. The book of James is the \_\_\_\_\_ book of the New Testament.
- B. He then tells us to not speak evil of one another.
- C. We can get the \_\_\_\_\_ of what James is telling us by looking at those two verses in 1 Peter (2:12; 3:16).
  - 1. The idea is that the non-Christians were \_\_\_\_\_ accusing brethren of wrongdoing.
  - 2. They were \_\_\_\_\_ Christians because they hated Christianity.
- D. James is telling us not \_\_\_\_\_ our brethren.
- E. The word translated "speak evil of" is a \_\_\_\_\_ word in the Greek.
  - 1. "Kata" means "\_\_\_\_\_".
  - 2. "Laleo" means "\_\_\_\_\_".
  - 3. Something else that is interesting about this word is that it when it is used it implies the \_\_\_\_\_ of the person being spoken against
- F. Speaking in such a way is putting ourselves \_\_\_\_\_ our brethren.

**II. The \_\_\_\_\_ (James 4:11).**

- A. When words of this nature are used against brethren, they are very \_\_\_\_\_ to them.
- B. However, there is more damage done to the \_\_\_\_\_ than the brethren.
- C. What we are doing is \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves to the position of a judge.
  - 1. We are saying we are \_\_\_\_\_ God's law.
  - 2. "I can say what I want" is the \_\_\_\_\_ we are showing to the one's to whom we are running our mouths.
- D. If we are busy being judges, we are not \_\_\_\_\_.
- E. "If I occupy my time finding fault with others, I have little time left to look at \_\_\_\_\_".
- F. In reality, our souls will be \_\_\_\_\_ by engaging in this type talk about others and that ought to be of great concern to each of us.

**III. The \_\_\_\_\_ (James 4:12).**

- A. Something we need to consider when tempted to engage in speaking evil of brethren is that there only \_\_\_\_\_ Judge, or Lawgiver.
- B. This, of course, is \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. God is the one who is able to \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. Basically, James asks, "Who do you think you are?"
  - 1. We have a highly elevated \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ when we speak this way about our brethren.
  - 2. We are putting ourselves on the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, the Lawgiver.

## **ARE YOU TACTFUL?**

**Tom Childers**

I believe Paul had tact in mind when he declared, "Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one" (Col. 4:6). In a similar manner, Paul also said, "Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers" (Eph. 4:29).

When we are trying to correct someone in sin (Gal. 6:1) we must leave them with the feeling that they are trying to be helped. How we approach someone will go a long way in determining our success. Solomon said, "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold In settings of silver ... A man has joy by the answer of his mouth, And a word spoken in due season, how good it is! ... Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression, But a good word makes it glad" (Pro. 25:11; 15:23; 12:25).

Being tactful, though, is not giving someone a "snow job." For example, did you hear about the man who said, "Honey, I'm sorry I forgot your birthday, but how do you expect me to remember when you never look a day older?" This is not tact—this is lying!

Most of the time, our lack of tact begins when we engage our mouth before we do our brain. We should stop and think how would be the best way to say this or that - before we say it, for afterwards it is too late.

Many fail to realize that most things can be said in different ways and still not change the truth. If you call your wife an "old hen," boy, are you in trouble - If you call her a "young chick" - she doesn't mind.

When talking with others about their souls we must never speak anything but the truth, but we must always be careful how we speak the truth. We should speak the truth in love and with tact. It is important what we say and how we say it. Much good that could have been done has been destroyed because no tact was used.

Beloved, let us be very careful how we speak with one another.

(We must be tactful with our brethren as well. Sometimes things are said in a joking way that are hurtful but passed off as humor. Let's all think about the words we are using no matter the person to whom we are speaking - Ben)