I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD - Psalm 122:1

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Visitors Welcomed!

Order of Services

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am & 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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And Pray For One Another – James 5:16

Please keep in your prayers those who are having physical troubles and those who are traveling. Also pray for the brethren that are shut-in:

Remember in your prayers:

The Prayer Offered In Faith Will Restore
The One Who Is sick - James 5:15



"What We Have... Heard We Proclaim To You..."

1 John 1:3

Welcome to the Northside Church of Christ

The Sin of Gossip Joe R. Price

The tongue is a powerful thing. It can comfort the grieving with kindness and concern, and it can destroy a person's credibility and good reputation. It can build up brethren and it can destroy churches. "Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. See how great a forest a little fire kindles! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell" (Jas. 3:5).

We must learn to restrain our tongue by controlling our heart. Jesus said what comes out of the mouth defiles the man because it comes from the heart (Matt. 15:11, 18). One such defilement is gossip.

Gossip is a sin. It does not show love for one's neighbor, nor does it show evidence of tongue (heart) control (1 Cor. 13:4-7; Matt. 22:39; Jas. 3:8).

The person who gossips is a talebearer. "He who covers a transgression seeks love, But he who repeats a matter separates friends" (Prov. 17:9). To the gossip (and the person who listens to it), a morsel of information about somebody else is delightfully feasted upon: "The words of a talebearer are like tasty trifles, and they go down into the inmost body" (Prov. 18:8). But, the gossip fails to realize that the food of gossip also poisons his or her soul.

The person who gossips sows strife. One who "sows discord among brethren" is an abomination to the Lord (Prov. 6:16, 19). That is reason enough not to gossip.

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The person who gossips is a slanderer. "The person who gossips is a slanderer" (Prov. 16:28). "Whoever secretly slanders his neighbor, Him I will destroy; The one who has a haughty look and a proud heart, Him I will not endure" (Psa. 101:5).

The person who gossips is a busybody. "But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters" (1 Pet. 4:15; see 2 Thess. 3:11). To gossip is to meddle in the lives of others.

Idleness invites gossiping: "And besides they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house, and not only idle but also gossips and busybodies, saying things which they ought not" (1 Tim. 5:13). It could be you have too much time on your hands if you are gossiping about others. Use your time productively to bear righteous fruit instead of the fruit of destruction.

The tongue requires constant surveillance: "But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison." (Jas. 3:8) We cannot turn our back on the tongue for one second. Constant vigilance over it is required to use it for a blessing rather than a curse (see Jas. 3:9-12).

By keeping our heart pure we help guard ourselves from the sin of gossip (Phil. 4:8).

Sentence Sermons

"We cannot always determine our circumstances, but we can choose our attitudes and actions."

"Be a watchman for your soul. Guard you mind and your emotions. Be a gatekeeper for your heart."

"Strive to do the right thing, at the right time, in the right way, for the right reason."

"Champions are not made in the moment of contest – they are merely recognized there. One develops into a champion by his daily work and effort."

Sunday Morning Lesson

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