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A Divisive Man

Reject a divisive man after the first and second admonition, knowing that such a person is warped and sinning, being self condemned. **Titus 3:10,11**

Within our current study of scripture there are a number of human flaws addressed. There are many sins with lasting consequences, but few are spoken of more harshly than a person who is divisive. Here in Paul's instruction to Titus we see the Lord's instructions on how to deal with those who are divisive. Admonish them twice and then reject them. The Lord uses strong language in describing those involved in this type of activity. They are warped, sinning and self condemned. Why is such strong action required?

First, God's goal is for His people to live together in unity. When we do we show His love to others through our love for one another. Unity is key for the Lord's church to thrive. When someone's goal is to divide brethren, they are not operating with a heart of love, and they are hindering the work of the church. The lasting effects of divisiveness is a church that cannot fully operate effectively as the body of Christ.

Secondly, we see that when someone is hindering the church in fulfilling its role, God expects his leaders to deal properly with sinful behavior. Encourage and admonish those involved in this sin. If they will not listen, reject them in order to eliminate the damage they would do to the Lord's church. May we all strive to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Ephesians 4:3).

John

Covering An Offense

Proverbs 17:9 *He who covers an offense promotes love, but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends.*

Christians are called upon to be loving people. God has shown us what love is and he requires that we also show that love to our fellowman. Much can be shown by our actions but this passage is discussing the use of our tongues. Solomon, in all his wisdom, dealt with the tongue in numerous verses in the book of Proverbs. How are you using your tongue? It can be used for good or for evil.

When someone offends you, what do you do? Some folks respond with an insult or some form of retaliation. Does the thought of love cross your mind right after the offense? Do you think of what would be the best for the offender? What would promote the continuation of the relationship? Solomon recommends that we cover the offense. Cover it with love. Cover it with care. Cover it with consideration of the other person. Find out whether you really understood what they said and what the motive was from the offender. Many times we misunderstand and then retaliate and destroy the relationship. Christians should always look for the way of love. Love never fails.

Solomon then points out how we can misuse our tongue and destroy relationships. When someone does offend us and then we run to many others and tell of the offense, then we are destroying the hope of reconciliation. By spreading the hurt, the friend may be driven away forever. We tell others because we want to belittle the other person and we want people to side with us. Neither of these will benefit the offender. If offended go to that person and show your love. This is what a God-fearing person will do. How are you using your tongue?

Joe

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

OUR MEMBERS

- Iris Anderson - recovering from surgery
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5th Sunday Contribution
August 30
Goal - \$24,000

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Scott Brown - brother of Barry, Daniel Harrington, Mike Primm,NHC Hillview Rm.118, David May, Tommy Hight, Sr., Darrell Brown, Earline Hensley - sister/JoAnn Coleman - hospice, Melissa Stutts - cancer, Nick Tank - student at Baker - leukemia, Anita and Dwight Brown - NHC Scott, Rm. 227, 2380 Buffalo Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464, Clara Harvey, Life Care, Rm. 225B - aunt of Ray Rummage, Clarence Weaver - Poplar Estates, Rm. 219, Joan Hermsdorfer - aunt of Robin Weaver, Stacey Brown - cystic fibrosis, Little Gatlin Macer, Billy Oliver (Poplar Estates, Rm. 201) - brother of Corrine Goetz, Evan Rector, Lou Miller - Poplar Estates, Sherry Pritchett - mother of Jody, Dorothy Rea - sister/Elmer Lusk, Evelyn Felker, sister/Benny Bolton, Doris McKennon - sister/Edna Hardison, JoAnn Anderson, Alice Lovett - aunt/ Cheyenne McNeese, Ann Graham - Morning Pointe, Rm. 113, Beverly Dawson, Jack & Daisy White, Billy Dan & Betty Morrow, Clara Griggs-cancer-aunt of Donna Altobell - 202 Nowlin Court, Columbia, Jane Davis - sister of Nell Hood, Allen Brown, Ronnie Springer-leukemia, friend of John & Debbie Massey, Stormy Lyle, Mike's mother

Ladies Bible Class resumes September 2 at 10 a.m.
Fall Series begins September 2, 6:30 p.m.
Speaker: Dan Chambers

WORSHIP LEADERS AUGUST 30, 2015

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M

Welcome.....Randy Jones
 Song Leader.....Jerry Wilson
 Prayer.....Boyd Wood
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Trent Hill
 John Massey Bill Fuller
 Larry Nicholson David Gray
 Ronnie Skelley Johnny Smith
 Bobby Daniels James Bolton
 Read: Galatians 6:7-10.....Sam Quirk
 Sermon: Blessed is the Teacher.....Joe Macer
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Randy Jones

SUNDAY 12:45 P.M. YOUNG MEN SERVICE

Welcome.....Jody Pritchett
 Two Songs.....Jacob Pollard
 Prayer.....Daniel Thomas
 Two Songs.....Sam Quirk
 Read: I Timothy 4:12-13.....David Morgan
 Lesson.....John Allen Thomas
 Lesson/Invitation.....Sam Quirk
 Invitation Song.....Conner Arnett
 Closing Song.....Conner Arnett
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Jody Pritchett

Ushers: Edward Hargrove, Johnnie Johnson, Terry Burgess
 Greeters: Charlie & Cecelia Willis, Tommy & Rita Skelley
 Audio/Visual: Alex Jones

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 Or go to our website and follow the "Unable to Serve" link and submit the information.**

NURSERY CARE

A.M.....Katherine Nicholson, Kasey Cross
 P.M.....Rhonda & Baylie Farris

WEDNESDAY September 02, 2015 - 6:30 P.M.

Announcements.....John Thomas
 Song Leader.....Blair Keeling
 Prayer.....Charlie Willis
 Speaker.....Dan Chambers