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USED FOR ALL
REFERENCES TO
GOD'S WORD IN
THIS NEWSPAPER

THE VEGETABLE GARDEN

First plant five rows of peas:

Patience
Promptness
Preparation
Perseverance
Purity



Then plant five rows of lettuce:

Let-us be faithful to duty
Let-us be unselfish
Let-us be loyal
Let-us be true to obligations
Let-us love one another



Next plant three rows of squash:

Squash gossip
Squash criticism
Squash indifference



And no garden is complete with-
out turnips:

Turn-up for important meetings
Turn-up with a smile
Turn-up with good ideas
Turn-up with determination to make
everything good and worthwhile



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“For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to battle?” 1Corinthians 14:8

The Original BAPTIST OBSERVER



“Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls...” Jeremiah 6:16

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ONLY TONGUE WILL TELL

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.”

There is something among the LORD’S people that troubles me deeply. It is the gossip that goes on among God’s people against God’s people.

The dictionary describes gossip as idle, often malicious talk, especially about others. Gossiping is to talk idly, usually about the affairs of others or to repeat or impart as gossip.

James 3:8-10 “But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.”

James 4:11 “Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth

the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge.

There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou that judgest another?” (Perfect law of liberty, James 1:25)

James 5:9 “Grudge (groan or murmur) not one against another, brethren, lest you be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door.”

Before I go any further, let me clarify that there is a difference between an individual judging and a church judging. The Lord’s Church is commanded to judge, (1 Cor. 5:12; 6:2) an individual is not.

One of the excuses given for gossip or backbiting is, “I was talking to several of the church members or brethren in the state and they feel the same way I do.” So what! That just makes them guilty of the same thing. Another excuse used is, “Well, I know it’s not right, but, it’s the truth.” The Bible doesn’t say that gossip has to be a lie to be gossip. You’re just trying to justify your sin. If

the brother has done something they should be excluded for, it should be brought to the church. This means the church when it is holding its regular meetings, not you going around to church members, homes and telling them what the offending brother has done. If it is not an excludable offense, the Bible is clear on that matter too. Galatians 6:1 “Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.” You can’t however do what this verse says if you have been involved in gossip because you are not spiritual when you gossip. Get the beam out of your own eye before you tackle the mote in your brother’s.

Another trick the gossip uses to justify their words is: “If you knew what I really know about that person, you wouldn’t be defending them.” Again, it goes back to if it’s an excludable offense,

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BIBLE ON BIBLE

The Bible teaches that: It is written by men supernaturally inspired. (II Tim. 3:16-17) No one Scripture is of a private interpretation. (II Peter 1:20-21; Act 28:25)

The Bible is truth: Contains no mixture of error. God's Word is true. (Prov. 30:5 -6; Romans 3:4; Psalm 119:160) Let no man take away from it or add to it. (Rev. 22:19) It is the only and final revelation of God.

The Word shall not pass: (Psalm 119:89; Mark 13:31; Luke 21:33; Mathew 24:35)

The Word converts and gives life: It is the revealed Word. (I Peter 1:23)

The Scripture speaks of Jesus: (John 5:39)

The LORD converts the soul: (Psalm 119:7) It is the standard of man's conduct. Cleanse the way by taking heed to the Word. (Psalm 119:8-11) It is a lamp to thy feet and a light to thy path. (Psalm 9:105) It thoroughly furnishes unto all good works. (II Timothy 3:17)

The Bible shows Christ as the center of all things: Moses, the prophets, and the Psalms were written concerning Him. (Isaiah 53:6-10)

Men shall finally be judged by the Bible: This Word shall judge. (John 12:48) The Word shall accuse. (John 5: 45-47)

The Faith in the last days: (Titus 1:10-16, Luke 18:8, Jude 3) The faith has reference to the whole body of truth not to the individual's confidence. For ex-

ample, Paul was obedient to the faith. (Romans 1:5) "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith..." (I Corinthians 16:13) "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith..." (II Corinthians 13:5) Continue in the faith. (Colossians 1:23; 2:7-8) Elymas the sorcerer sought to turn the deputy, Sergius Paulus, from the faith. (Acts 13:8) Paul and Barnabas exhort to "continue in the faith". (Acts 14:22) Churches were established in the faith. (Acts 16:5) Strive together for the faith of the gospel. (Philippians 1:27) There is only one true faith or system of doctrine. (body of truth) (Ephesians 4:5)

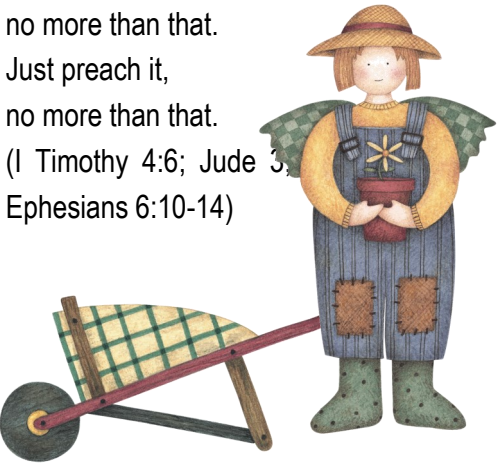
What happens to this faith in the last days? Some shall depart from the faith. (I Timothy 4:1-6) Some deny the faith. (I Timothy 5:8) Some cast off their first faith. (I Timothy 5:12) Some shall be seduced from the faith. (I Timothy 6:10) Some have erred from the faith. (I Timothy 6:21) Some shall overthrow the faith of others. (II Timothy 2:18-19) Some shall be reprobate concerning the faith. (II Timothy 3:8-17) No amount of logic or demonstration will convince them.

What is our responsibility concerning the faith ?

Just accept it,
no more than that.

Just preach it,
no more than that.

(I Timothy 4:6; Jude 3; Ephesians 6:10-14)



II Chronicles 2:3; 29:29; Nehemiah 8:6

I) What is Worship?

A. To worship God is to humble ourselves considering with continued attention, in reverence, honoring with fear mingled with respect and affection.

B. Much that is called worship today is not worship. For example, reading the Bible, listening to a sermon, and prayer is not worship. These things may lead to worship but they are not worship.

C. The Old Testament word worship means to bow down. Worship is a definite act of a person clearly defined in the Scriptures. It has been well said in prayer we are occupied with our needs, in thanksgiving we are occupied with our blessings, in worship we are occupied with God.

2) Who do we Worship?

A. We should worship the LORD our God and Him only. (Matthew 4:10)

B. We may admire men, but we must worship God only. (Acts 10:25-26; Revelation 22:8-9)

C. We should worship the Father. (John 4:23)

D. We should worship Christ. (Hebrews 1:6; Philippians 2:10-11; Revelation 5:8-13)

E. How do we reconcile worshipping the Father and Christ? (John 20:28) He said, "My Father and I are one."

3) It is our duty to Worship.

A. Worship of God is commanded. (Matthew 4:10)

B. We owe love to man, obedience to parents, and worship to God. He is the All Wise Holy Perfect and Mighty One. Our rightful attitude toward Him is bowing in adoring contemplation of His greatness and glory.

C. God is seeking true worshippers. (John. 4:23)

1. God desires obedience, service, prayer, praise and thanksgiving, but most of all he desires worship from men.

2. We find salvation completed in a body of men and women being found fitted to worship God. (Revelation 7:9-11)

4) How to Worship.

A. We should worship on the grounds of the shed blood of Jesus Christ. (Hebrews 9:7-14) There is no approach to God except on the grounds of the shed blood of Christ.

B. Confession and forsaking puts sins under the blood. (I John 1:9)

C. We should worship by the Spirit of God. (Philippians 3:3) The only worship that is acceptable to God is the worship which the Spirit inspires. Not all worship is in the Spirit, because much worship is motivated by the flesh. Men seek to do things to please God and win

credit for themselves. This is not what God is seeking. He is seeking worshippers who will worship in the Spirit and have no confidence in the flesh. The only loving, walking, praying, and thanksgiving that is acceptable to God is in the Spirit. The only worship that is acceptable is in the Spirit or that is inspired by the Spirit.

C. We should worship in truth. (John 4:24)

5) What does it mean to worship "In Truth"?

(I John 3:18; Philippians 1:18) Not in mere form, or profession, or pretence, but in reality. There is much worship that is not real. The heads bow, the body is prostrated, but the soul does not bow in true adoration before God. The Spirit alone leads to worship in truth.

6) The results of true worship are:

When there is true worship the Father is satisfied. He has found what He seeks. (John 4:23) The worshipper is satisfied. His highest joy is found. (Psalms 27:4) Worship empties us of pride, and reveals our weakness and vileness. (Isaiah 6:5; Job 42:5-6)



TEN LITTLE CHRISTIANS AND MORE

Ten little Christians standing in a line. One disliked the pastor, then there were nine. Nine little Christians stayed up very late. One slept in on Sunday, then there were eight.

Eight little Christians on their way to Heaven. One took the low road, then there were seven. Seven little Christians chirping like chicks. One disliked the music, then there were six.

Six little Christians seemed very much alive, but one lost his interest, then

there were five. Five little Christians pulling for Heaven's shore, but one stopped to rest, then there were four.


Four little Christians, each busy as a bee. One got her feelings hurt, then there were three. Three little Christians knew what to do. One joined the sports crowd, then there were two.

Two little Christians, our rhyme is nearly done, differed with each other, then there was one. One little Christian can't do much 'tis true; brought his friend to

Bible study, then there were two.

Two earnest Christians, each won one more. That doubled their number, then there were four. Four sincere Christians worked early and late. Each won another, then there were eight.

Eight little Christians, if they doubled as before, in just a few short weeks, we'd have 1,024. In this little jingle, there's a lesson true. You belong to the building, or the wrecking crew.



GOOD AND EVIL

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Our Responsibilities to the Two Natures:

- 1) **To the old nature:**
- A) **Accept God's estimate of it** Romans 6:6 "Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin."
- B) **Make no provision for it** Romans 13:14 "But put ye on the LORD Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof."
- C) **Mortify it** Colossians 3:5. "Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth;"

- 2) **To the new nature:**
- A) **Reckon that we are spiritually alive** Romans 8:11 "But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up



Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you." (Ephesians 2:4-10)

B) **Walk in it** Galatians 5:16 "This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh."

C) **Feed it** I Peter 2:2 "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow there by:"

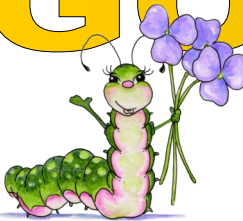
How We Become Possessors of the Two Natures:

- 1) **We receive the old nature by the natural birth.** Ephesians 2:3 "Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others." Psalm 51:5 "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." Psalm 58:3 "The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies."

- 2) **We receive the new nature by being born again** John 3:6 "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." I John 3:9 "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God." 1 John 5:18 "We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not." I Peter 1:23 "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." II Peter 1:4 "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."



GOOD AND EVIL



TWO NATURES IN THE CHILD OF GOD

Names of the old nature and their meaning:

- 1) **Flesh** Romans 8:8 "So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God."
- 2) **Natural man** I Corinthians 2:14 "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."
- 3) **Old man** Ephesians 4:22 "That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;"
- 4) **Outward man** II Corinthians 4:16 "For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day."
- 5) **Heart** Jeremiah 17:9 "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" Matthew 15:19 "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:"
- 6) **Carnal mind** Romans 8:7 "Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be." Genesis 6:5 "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."

- 7) **Sin** Romans 7:17 "Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me."

Names of the new nature and their meaning:

- 1) **Spirit** John 3:5 "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God." John 3:6 "That which is born of the flesh is flesh..." Romans 8:6 "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace."

- 2) **Divine nature** II Peter 1:4 "Whereby are given unto us exceedingly great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

- 3) **The new man** Ephesians 4:24 "And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness." II Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

- 4) **The inward man** Romans 7:22 "For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:"

- 5) **The mind** Romans 7:22-23,25 "For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. I thank God through Jesus Christ our LORD. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin."

- 6) **Spirit of Christ** Romans 8:9 "But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his."



Conflict between the two natures:

- 1) **Like Isaac and Ishmael** Galatians 4:28-29 "Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now."

- 2) **Contrary to one another** Galatians 5:17 "For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so ye cannot do the things that ye would."

- 3) **Result:** A believer does what is wrong sometimes. Romans 7:14-21 "For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me."



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THE TRUE TABERNACLE ONLY TONGUE WILL TELL

Why should we study the tabernacle? To begin with, we need to understand that God used the tabernacle in the book of Hebrews as a comparison for the LORD'S New Testament church. If God uses something as a picture, then we should pay attention to it.

Let's begin in Hebrews 3:1-6. The Bible states that Moses had a house and Jesus had a house. "And Moses verily was faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after; But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end." The difference was that the Hebrews addressed in this book were Jesus' house. (whose house are we) (I Corinthians 12:12-14; I Peter 2:5)

These Jews here in the book of Hebrews were New Testament church members. They had received Christ as their Savior. The Hebrews, or Jews, of Christ's day, in the main, rejected Him as the Messiah. However, these Hebrews, or Jews, were different. Notice verse one of Hebrews three. "Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus:" They had accepted Him and according to verse three, had submitted to Scriptural baptism and became members of Jesus first church,

His house, that He started on the seashores of Galilee. (Matthew 4:18-25; Acts 10:37; 13:31; Isaiah 9:1-7)

Understanding this, we now can see that the book of Hebrews was not written to all the Hebrews as Jews. It was addressed to those Jews that were New Testament church members of the first church that Jesus started that were later scattered abroad due to persecution. In Hebrews 8:1-2, God is reminding these Hebrew, New Testament, church members that Jesus is the minister of the sanctuary, the true tabernacle. This tabernacle was different than the one that Moses pitched. This tabernacle was pitched by the LORD Himself. (Matthew 16:18) God uses the tabernacle, of which they had been familiar with, to show a pattern for the New Testament church. These Jews, or Hebrews, needed reminding that they had been brought to the new way.

In Hebrews 8:3-6, God shows these Hebrew, New Testament, church members that trying to go back under the old way of service was a "backward" step. It is clear that the "old" tabernacle way was for an example. It was a shadow, or a picture of the "new way" in the new covenant. This new covenant was a better covenant with better promises.

The tabernacle was an example, or a picture of the LORD'S New Testament church, which is His way of service in the New Testament age. In Acts 7:37-38, the LORD calls Israel in the wilderness, with their way of worship being in the tabernacle, the church in the wilderness. Exodus 25:8,22 and Psalm 77:13 show us that the tabernacle was the LORD'S way in the Old Testament and the place that He chose to meet with

His people. Today, under the New Testament, the LORD'S way and the place that He chooses to meet with His people is in His local New Testament churches. (Matthew 18:20; Ephesians 2:19-22; Colossians 1:18; Acts 9:1-2; I Corinthians 15:9)

Leviticus 1:1, Numbers 12:4-5, and Exodus 29:42 all show us that God spoke from the tabernacle. Deuteronomy 16:2,11 and 26:2 say that the LORD chose to place His name there with the children of Israel in the tabernacle. Today, under the New Testament covenant, God speaks from His Local New Testament churches. (Ephesians 3:9-10; John 17:16-18) The LORD reveals His will, His truth, and the wisdom of God in His churches today.

In Exodus 29:43, 40:34-35, and Le-

viticus 9:23-24 we see that the glory of God was revealed and seen in the tabernacle. The LORD'S glory can only be seen today in the LORD'S local, New Testament churches. (Ephesians 3:21; II Corinthians 8:23; II Thessalonians 1:10-12; Romans 16:27 and Colossians 1:18) God's will for all mankind is that they be saved, and come unto the knowledge of the truth. (I Timothy 2:4) The only place that man can come to the knowledge of the truth, is to come to where the truth is. "But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." (I Timothy 3:15) This verse clearly states that the LORD'S churches are the pillar and ground of the truth. Truth can only be found in a Scriptural, New Testament church.

The tabernacle is a beautiful picture of what we have available to us inside a Scriptural, New Testament church. The beauties found in studying these patterns in the Old Testament tabernacle will truly make someone a Baptist. "Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come." (I Corinthians 10:6,11)

WILL TELL


(Continued from page one:) bring it to the church, if not, go to the individual. Another well used excuse for gossip is, "It's not that I have anything against that person, it's because I'm concerned about them that I talk about them." Oh, really?! I pray the Lord preserves me from your kind of love.

I Corinthians 13:4-7 doesn't say anything about gossip being a way to show your love. "Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things."

Another famous reason used is, "I'm concerned about the church and how that person will affect it." You may well be, but usually, that person does a lot less harm to the church than you do with your backbiting.

Gossiping or backbiting is in actuality not a minor sin. When it involves the church and other church members, it is sowing discord. Sowing discord is one of the seven things which is an abomination unto the Lord in Proverbs 6: 16-19.

A rose by any other name is still a rose, and gossip by any other name is still gossip.



I Am One

I am only one,
But I am one;
I cannot do everything
But I can do something.

What I can do,
I ought to do,
And what I ought to do,
By the grace of God, I will do.