

Mitchell's Message

Some people can just sit and take life easy but most don't. It's spring time, what should we do? They start planting gardens, playing ball. Activity is good for us as long as it is good activity and doesn't hinder our relationship to the Lord. However, any activity that leads us from Christ and from serving Christ is not good, no matter how good it may seem to be!

James 2:26 "Faith without works is dead." If a person's faith doesn't do something positive or it isn't active, then it isn't faith by God's rule. We must "spring" into action for our faith to be meaningful.

A lady named Betty said: Our manager at the restaurant where I worked was a much beloved, jovial man. But there was one subject you didn't dare discuss in front of him – his height. Or, should I say, his lack of it. One day, he stormed through the door and announced angrily, "Someone just picked my pocket!"

When I was a waiter, fellow waitresses and I were speechless, except for the one who blurted out, "How could anyone stoop so low?"

Be careful with caustic or sarcastic remarks. They can hurt people and mar or hurt relationships.

Proverbs 10:19 "When words are many, sin is not absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise."

Proverbs 10:32 "The lips of the righteous know what is fitting, but the mouth of the wicked only what is perverse."

Proverbs 11:12 "A man who lacks judgment derides his neighbor, but a man of understanding holds his tongue."

It appears that we do more damage in life or cause more trouble with our speaking than by any other means.

Ephesians 4:29 "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."

I've heard it said that if you don't hate what is evil in life then how can you have a Passion for what is good? **SOME ANGER IS GOOD.** We should be angry at all the dishonesty, Crime, corruption, abuse, etc. that is happening in our world and country.

But often we are simply angry because things didn't go our way. And this anger is wrong. Selfishness is wrong. Selfish anger could be very wrong. **BE SLOW TO ANGER.**

Get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humble accept the Work planted in you, which can save you.

Col. 3:5-8 "Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: Sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips."

Whatever the sin problem we have, we must be quick to rid ourselves of that sin and with the Lord's help through prayer and commitment.

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