

Good News From Chardon

Church of Christ

128 Maple Ave., Chardon, Oh 44024

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Schedule of Services

Greeting: Mark

Song Leader: Mark

Opening Hymn:

273—O How I Love Jesus

Opening Prayer: Dale

Hymn:

240—Tell It To Jesus

Scripture Reading: Ryan

Colossians 4:1-6

Hymn:

288—The Lord's Supper

Lord's Supper: Robert

Hymn:

198—There Is Power In The Blood

Sermon: Mark

Invitation Hymn:

622—Soul, A Savior Thou Art Needing

Closing Hymn:

656—Blest Be The Tie

Closing Prayer: Darryl

♪ When upon life's billows you are
tempest tossed, When you are
discouraged, thinking all is lost, ♪
♪ Count your many blessings, name
them one by one, And it will surprise
you what the Lord hath done. ♪
 ♪ Count your blessings,
 Name them one by one;
 Count your blessings,
 See what God hath done;
 Count your blessings,
 Name them one by one;
 Count your many blessings,
 See what God hath done ♪

CALENDAR

Aug 2—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker: Mark

Aug 9—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Tom

Aug 14—(a) Robert & Sara

Aug 16—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Mark

Subtle Jabs

In teaching the book of Job in a Bible class on Sunday mornings, one thing that we have pointed out a number of times is the verbal "jabs" thrown by the friends, as well as Job, in their exchanges of speeches. Several of these are direct, and some--especially by the friends--are downright cruel.

However, sprinkled throughout the narrative are also a large number of more subtle jabs. For example, in Job 18:2, Bildad begins his second speech to Job with this question: "How long will you hunt for words?"

On the face of it, that is already fairly mean. After all, Job is going through horrific suffering, and he has still managed to keep speaking and to be clear in expressing what is going on in his mind. However, this question is an even more subtle jab than it appears at face value. In ancient cultures, those who were considered wise were those who spoke with very precise language and who were very controlled in their language.

So, while Bildad's question is somewhat mean on the surface, just consider the subtle undertone of it. He is basically saying that Job is unwise, uncontrolled, and foolish!

As our Bible class has noticed these more subtle jabs, it has caused me to do a lot of self-reflection. How do I talk both to and about other people? Sometimes, it can be tempting to take jabs that are more subtle so that I can claim innocence in a situation. As we hear it said, sometimes, we can "say something without saying something."

But is that the way Christians should treat people? Think of three basic Biblical principles that need to guide our words. This is certainly not meant to be an exhaustive list, but maybe it will cause us to think about those times when we are in a moment of conflict or when we have to deal with someone in a tense situation.

1. Matthew 5:37: "But let what you say be simply 'yes' or 'no'; anything more than this comes from evil."

2. Colossians 4:6: "Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person." Take note of the word "always."

3. Matthew 18:15: "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother." Notice that Jesus says the conversation is to be both private and clear. We are not to beat around the bush. However, we are also not to take any type of verbal jab at the other person in order to try to put ourselves in some type of "stronger" position. Instead, go to them and say what you believe they have done that is sinful toward you.

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PRAYER LIST

Mynda as she travels. **Kenny's** health, **Celeste** health issue, **Camden** family, **Aunt Donna** and family during a difficult time
Tom & Nina health, her surgery recovery, Sister in law **Frances** health, niece **Tanya's** transfer to Tenn. Daughter **Jenny** and family
Mark and **Debbie** as they travel. Mark's brother **Dale** health
Bonnie's health, grandsons **Devin, Dakota, Dillon, Mick, Connor.** Daughters **Ronda** and **Renee.**
Wanda's migraines & health; son **Allen.** Her sister **Joyce's** brother in law health, her sisters surgery recovery
Mary, Carl and family, Nephew **Seth & wife Liz.** Sadly her Sister in law **Keatha** has passed, **Kathy** with cancer
Jim G. health issues.
Wayne and Diane G. with health issues
Kathy is at Maple View Country Villa room 123 , Chardon Currently she is at Hillcrest Hospital . Cards appreciated.
Linda's health, **Tiffany's family.** **Christian** seizures, son **John & wife Becky,s** health, great Granddaughter **Dahlia** health. **Ethan's** health
Zarna and her family
Juanita health. She is on Hospice care. Her family. Nurse's aid **Maddie's** health
Ray and **Barbara** and their family.
Dale's health issues, headaches, His family. Brother **Chris** blood pressusre, 7 year old girl, **Lucie,** with Leukemia. Cousins, **Randal** physical & mental health, **Jalen's** mental health. Cousins **Aleeka & Toni** healthy bodies & minds. **Mother's** grief comfort
Ray health, his family. He is at Chardon Health Care room #203. **Steven and Asher.**
Robert & Sara, his sister **Terra's** health issue, Son **Michael,** Daughter **Maddie,** Sara's father **Jeff & mother Connie's** health, Friend **Allie** with multiple cancer
Brenda health issues & legs, son **Mark's** heart issues, sister-in-law **Linda,** breast cancer, grandson **Jason** neck disc, granddaughter **Amanda.** brother **Jim** surgery recovery, Great nephew's back injury
Carol & Myron, his health and legs
Tim K. upcoming heart procedure

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It is easy to excuse subtle jabs, but we simply cannot be the type of people who speak this way. For one thing, it violates the Golden Rule. None of us would want people taking these types of shots--no matter how subtle--at us, so we simply cannot excuse that type of behavior in ourselves.

But further, to do this is to treat another person as "less than." These types of shots are meant to put the other person on a lower plane than we are, but we should always remember that all people are created in the image of God. As such, there is not a greater or lesser. There are just people, and we need to treat every other person as one made in His image and who has infinite value to Him.

So, no matter the situation--even if it is tense or heated--let's remember to be direct but also to remember the soul of the other person. Or, to use the words of Paul, let's always remember to be "speaking the truth in love" (Ephesians 4:15).

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WHERE IS IT WRITTEN?

But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven

Answer: Matthew 19:14

Colossians 4:1-6

1 Masters, give unto your servants that which is just and equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven. 2 Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving; 3 Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds: 4 That I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak. 5 Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. 6 Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

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