

"KEEP IT SHUT": QUESTIONS FOR CHAPTER 6 (PGS. 95-111)

To be discussed Wednesday Class, Dec. 16 OR Sunday Class, Dec. 20

ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR US TO DISCUSS THIS CHAPTER AS A CLASS.

CHAPTER 6: BEHIND THE SCREEN: Controlling Your Digital Tongue

1A. What do you enjoy most about using social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram)? Explain why.

1B. What do you dread most about using social media? Give an example.

2. FROM PG. 103: **PROVERBS 30:32 "IF YOU PLAY THE FOOL & EXALT YOURSELF, OR IF YOU PLAN EVIL, CLAP YOUR HAND OVER YOUR MOUTH."**

If you are tempted to slam someone online or brag on Facebook or send off a nasty tweet, what should you do?

3. FROM PG. 100: **PROVERBS 26:21 "A QUARRELSOME PERSON STARTS FIGHTS AS EASILY AS HOT EMBERS LIGHT CHARCOAL OR FIRE LIGHTS WOOD."**

3A. What effect does a quarrelsome person online have to those who read her post?

3B. What advice does the author give to us regarding an on-line quarrelsome person?

4. FROM PG. 103: Fill in the blanks for the RULES OF THUMB TO FOLLOW BEFORE POSTING ON FACEBOOK & answer the question.

4A. RULE OF THUMB #1: P_____ BEFORE YOU POST.

GALATIANS 5:16 "SO I SAY, LET THE HOLY SPIRIT GUIDE YOUR LIVES. THEN YOU WON'T BE DOING WHAT YOUR SINFUL NATURE CRAVES."

4A1. What habits, INCLUDING PRAYER, should we make before reading or posting anything on Facebook or on any public platform?

4A2. How often would you get on social media if you made a commitment to do this FIRST, EVERY TIME?

4B. RULE OF THUMB #2: IMAGINE THE RECIPIENT S_____ N_____ T_____
Y_____.

PSALM 139:1-4 "O LORD, YOU HAVE EXAMINED MY HEART & KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT ME. YOU KNOW WHEN I SIT DOWN OR STAND UP. YOU KNOW MY THOUGHTS EVEN WHEN I'M FAR AWAY. YOU SEE ME WHEN I TRAVEL & WHEN I REST AT HOME. YOU KNOW EVERYTHING I DO. YOU KNOW WHAT I AM GOING TO SAY EVEN BEFORE I SAY IT, LORD."

Who should we envision sitting next to us as we post something publically on-line for the whole world to read?

WHO ELSE, even more importantly?

4C. RULE OF THUMB #3: REMEMBER: WHEN YOU'RE ONLINE, YOU'RE ALSO ON S_____.

MATTHEW 5:16 "LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE MEN THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR MORAL EXCELLENCE & YOUR PRAISEWORTHY, NOBLE, & GOOD DEEDS & RECOGNIZE & HONOR & PRAISE & GLORIFY YOUR FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN."

4C1. How are you on stage every time you post something on line?

I TIMOTHY 4:12 "DON'T LET ANYONE THINK LESS OF YOU BECAUSE YOU ARE YOUNG. BE AN EXAMPLE TO ALL BELIEVERS IN WHAT YOU SAY, IN THE WAY YOU LIVE, IN YOUR LOVE, YOUR FAITH, & YOUR PURITY."

4C2. How are you on stage every time you post something on line?

4C3. How might Jesus want your stage presence to change?

4D. RULE OF THUMB #4: ASK YOURSELF IF YOU'VE E_____ T_____ R_____ TO
ADDRESS THE SUBJECT AT HAND.

What might you need to do to earn the right to address a subject online?

4E. RULE OF THUMB #5: ASK YOURSELF IF YOU HAVE A C_____ E_____
R_____ WITH THE PERSON TO WARRANT OFFERING YOUR OPINION.

JOHN 13:34-35 "LET ME GIVE YOU A NEW COMMAND: LOVE ONE ANOTHER. IN THE SAME WAY I LOVED YOU, YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER. THIS IS HOW EVERYONE WILL RECOGNIZE THAT YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES—WHEN THEY SEE THE LOVE & UNSELFISH CONCERN YOU HAVE FOR EACH OTHER."

4E1. Do you think you have the right to offer advice or a valued perspective to someone you are not even close to?
Why or why not?

4E2. If someone you don't even know offered you unwanted advice and began telling you what to believe and how to act, how would this make you feel?

4E3. What do these verses say gives you permission to speak into someone's life that will truly make a difference?

4F. RULE OF THUMB #6: WHEN YOU DO SPEAK, LET YOUR SPEECH BE LACED WITH G_____.

Read the Scriptures and answer the question

4F1. **EPHESIANS 4:29 "LET NO FOUL OR POLLUTING LANGUAGE, NOR EVIL WORD NOR UNWHOLESOME OR WORTHLESS TALK [EVER] COME OUT OF YOUR MOUTH, BUT ONLY SUCH [SPEECH] AS IS GOOD & BENEFICIAL TO THE SPIRITUAL PROGRESS OF OTHERS, AS IS FITTING TO THE NEED & THE OCCASION, THAT IT MAY BE A BLESSING & GIVE GRACE (GOD'S UNDESERVED FAVOR) TO THOSE WHO HEAR IT."**

What do these verses say should be our goal anytime we post our words on-line?

4F2. **COLOSSIANS 4:5-6 "BE WISE IN THE WAY YOU ACT TOWARD OUTSIDERS; MAKE THE MOST OF EVERY OPPORTUNITY. LET YOUR CONVERSATION BE ALWAYS FULL OF GRACE, SEASONED WITH SALT, SO THAT YOU MAY KNOW HOW TO ANSWER EVERYONE."**

What do these verses say should be our goal anytime we post our words on-line?

5. List the 5 questions to ask yourself before posting anything on-line.

Which question is Jesus asking you to adopt and make a habit before posting anything on line again?

6. Compare the following facts about SALT to the words that you say & answer the question.

6A. If salt enhances flavor, how should your words enhance flavor?

6B. If salt preserves, what should our words help preserve?

- 6C. If salt is valuable, how do your words add value to the conversation online?
- 6D. If salt purifies & softens hard water, what effect should our words have on others when we speak them?
- 6E. If salt melts hard thick ice, what is Jesus asking you to do with your words when speaking to that icy cold relative or co-worker?
- 6F. If salt prevents infection in a wound, what infection is Jesus asking us to prevent with the use of our words?
- 6G. If too much salt can destroy our favorite food dish, how can a believer overdo as we salt others with our words?
7. Which characteristic of salty speech is the Holy Spirit speaking most to your heart about? Explain.
8. FROM PG. 111, **BOOK QUOTE: "YES, THIS IS A HIGH STANDARD. BUT I SAY WE SHOULD SHOOT FOR IT. THERE IS AN OLD SAYING, 'IF YOU AIM FOR NOTHING, YOU WILL HIT IT EVERY TIME."**
- 8A. **PROVERBS 8:7-8 "MY MOUTH SPEAKS WHAT IS TRUE, FOR MY LIPS DETEST WICKEDNESS. ALL THE WORDS OF MY MOUTH ARE JUST; NONE OF THEM IS CROOKED OR PERVERSE."**
What should be your aim as you chat with people on-line for the world to see?
- 8B. **COLOSSIANS 1:10 "SO THAT YOU MAY LIVE A LIFE WORTHY OF THE LORD & PLEASE HIM IN EVERY WAY: & YOUR LIVES WILL PRODUCE EVERY KIND OF GOOD FRUIT. ALL THE WHILE, YOU WILL GROW AS YOU LEARN TO KNOW GOD BETTER & BETTER."**
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