

Sermon Notes

Confidentiality

a study in Proverbs

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11:13 He who goes about as an informer reveals private conversation, but he who is trustworthy conceals a matter.

When you have a private conversation about something significant, you should assume it is to remain between you, unless the person(s) tells you otherwise.

Something to remind yourself of, "I value being considered trustworthy, more than I value being an informer.

Therefore, I am going to keep concealed conversations that were presumed to be kept private."

20:19 He who goes about as an informer reveals private conversation; therefore, do not associate with a gossip.

If you are the informer, the gossip, you won't have wise people wanting to associate with you, in business, in friendship, in your family, in the church.

17:9 He who conceals a transgression seeks love, but he who repeats a matter separates intimate friends.

(ref.: Matt. 18:15-16)

If you go around telling others your friends' faults and sins, your friends are going to break up with you.

25:9-10 Contend your dispute with your neighbor, and do not reveal the private conversation to another, or he who hears it will bring shame upon you, and the ill-repute about you will not pass away.

If you can handle a dispute one on one, you should handle it that way, and not tell anyone else about it.

If you reveal what should be private, you will get a bad reputation.

What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.

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Application questions for 8/19/18 sermon

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(I would suggest dividing into guys and ladies separately to answer just this first question.)

(Try to have everyone answer this question.) What is something that in the last couple months you have said you wanted to work on, and how are you doing with that?

Begin by reading the Proverbs we studied this week: 11:13, 20:19, 17:9, 25:9-10

From reading all those verses, what is the top thing that stands out to you?

Before hearing this last Sunday's sermon, would you have characterized yourself as a "gossip"? Why or why not? And if you heard the sermon, how do you evaluate yourself now, in light of what you heard, on your level of keeping confidentiality?

Do you operate under the assumption that what was said in a private conversation should stay private, concealed, unless the person(s) you had that conversation with says you can share it?

Is there a certain person, or group of people - work, family, friends, church - who you tend to reveal more about than you should? Why do you think it is them?

The sin struggles and faults of your friends, *and maybe even other people you associate closely with*, do you ever share those with other people, or do you always keep it to yourself?

What is it that tempts you to share the private information you have?

When you are having a conflict with someone else, do you ever talk about it to other people, who know the person you are in conflict with? What is your motivation for sharing, or not sharing?

(Make sure to leave time for, and try to have everyone answer the next three questions.)

If people knew how you talk about them to others, would they trust you, and would they want to continue associating with you and sharing private stuff with you?

Do you truly care to be considered trustworthy, more than you care to be an informer? If so, what might you do to remind yourself of this when you are tempted to be an informer?

What behavior do you want to change or improve upon? It can be something that was not directly addressed by one of the Proverbs or these questions, but this subject brings it up in your mind. How do you think you will go about making that change?

Do you have a question for the group? It might be something you don't understand that others could help with, or something you think should be covered that hasn't.