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Pt. 3 – *“Protecting The Church From The Inside Out – Pt. 1”*
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“So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are My disciples.” – Jesus
John 13:34-35 (NLT)

THIS MEANS TWO THINGS FOR THE CHURCH:

- 1. EVERYTHING WE _____ ONE ANOTHER SHOULD BE FOUNDED ON LOVE.**
- 2. EVERYTHING WE _____ ONE ANOTHER SHOULD BE FOUNDED ON LOVE.**

“A tree is identified by its fruit. If a tree is good, its fruit will be good. If a tree is bad, its fruit will be bad...Whatever is in your heart determines what you say. A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. And I tell you this, you must give an account on judgment day for every idle word you speak. The words you say will either acquit you or condemn you.”
Matthew 12:33-37 (NLT)

A PERSON’S WORDS...

- 1. REVEAL THE _____ OF A PERSON’S _____.**
- 2. WILL BE _____ FOR BY _____ ONE DAY.**

“The more you talk, the more likely you are to sin. If you are wise, you will keep quiet.”
Proverbs 10:19 (GN)

“A gossip betrays a confidence; so avoid anyone who talks too much.”
Proverbs 20:19 (NIV)

HOW DO PEOPLE GOSSIP?

- **“I NEED SOME ADVICE...”** (the pretense of needing your help)
- **“YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT...”** (the pretense of wanting to help you)
- **“DID YOU HEAR THAT...”** (the pretense of informing you)
- **“WOULD YOU PRAY ABOUT...”** (the pretense of spiritual maturity)

THE MAIN PROBLEMS WITH GOSSIP IS THAT...

- 1. IT _____.**
- 2. IT’S ONLY _____ TO THE _____.**
- 3. IT HURTS THE _____ OF THE _____.**

“They learn to waste their time, going from house to house. And they not only waste their time but also begin to gossip and busy themselves with other people’s lives, saying things they should not say.”
1st Timothy 5:13 (NCV)

“I am in them and You are in Me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that You sent Me and that You love them as much as You love Me.”
John 17:23 (NLT)

“Don’t criticize and speak evil about each other, dear brothers. If you do, you will be fighting against God’s law of loving one another, declaring it is wrong. But your job is not to decide whether this law is right or wrong, but to obey it.”
James 4:11 (LB)