
I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD – Psalm 122:1

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Visitors Welcomed!

Order of Services

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 am
Worship Service 10:30 am & 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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And Pray For One Another – James 5:16

Please keep in your prayers those who are having physical troubles and those who are traveling. Also pray for the brethren that are shut-in:

Remember in your prayers:

*The Prayer Offered In Faith Will Restore
The One Who Is sick – James 5:15*



The
New
Northside Proclaimer

“What We Have... Heard We Proclaim To You...”

1 John 1:3

Welcome to the Northside Church of Christ

Love Covers All Sins

Mike Willis

Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins (Prov 10:12).

This proverb contrasts the actions of love and hatred. These serve as checks to us to see how we feel toward others. I don't know any home that could not benefit from less strife, so maybe this proverb teaches us something about the home that each of us needs to learn.

Hatred Stirs Up Strife - Keil and Delitzsch commented on this verse: "Hatred of one's neighbor, which is of itself an evil, has further this bad effect, that it calls forth hatred, and thus stirreth up strife, feuds, factions, for it incites man against man" (217). Think of the things that hatred does that stir strife:

- 1. Hatred stirs up strife with caustic, biting speech.** "There is that speaketh like the piercing of a sword: but the tongue of the wise is health" (Prov. 12:18). A person's speech reveals a malignant spirit when it is constantly "cutting down" others.
- 2. Hatred stirs up strife by angry words.** "A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger" (Prov. 15:1).
- 3. Hatred stirs up strife by remembering former transgressions.** One can create havoc by constantly throwing in the face of another those wrongs which he has committed, repented of, and asked forgiveness. We expect God to forgive our sins and "remember them against us no more" (Heb. 8:12). Can we do any less to those who have sinned against us? We want God to forgive us, and he has promised to forgive us just as we forgive those who sin against us. If we do not want God to "throw our sins in our face," we must not do that to others.

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4. Hatred stirs up strife by arguing. No one is right all of the time. We all admit this is true, but how slow we are to listen to someone tell us our faults and how quick we are to argue about them. When someone comes to me with a complaint, my first obligation is to listen patiently. My second obligation is to see if it is true. If it is true, my third obligation is to correct it. This cycle frequently is interrupted by arguing. When some-one criticizes me, I fight back by criticizing him. This sets off a vicious cycle of conflict that can last for hours. The next time someone criticizes you, listen to him before you begin defending yourself.

Love Covers Sin - There are a number of ways that love covers sin. Let's think about how this can happen.

1. Love covers sins by passing over offenses. Sometimes a person shows love by ignoring those minor offenses committed against him. There are some people who can say things about me that I do not get offended by because I know how much they love me. They are only trying to help me. There are people whom I love so much that I pass over little things that they might do that hurt me. I can do that because I love them and they love me. Whatever hurt they caused me was not intended.

2. Love covers sins by forgiving it. When a brother apologizes for what he has done that is wrong, loves reciprocates by forgiving him. He does not hold a grudge or seek revenge. He forgives the offense.

3. Love covers sins by recognizing the mitigating circumstances. Sometimes the one who has offended us is experiencing some terrible things in his life. He is "not him-self" — that is, this is not his usual conduct toward me. Love enables me to take those mitigating circumstances into consideration and overlook his offense.

4. Loves covers sins by confronting the sinner and calling him to repentance. Frequently, we only see how love passes over sin. However, when the two parts of this proverb are contrasted, "covering sin" is the opposite of "stirring up strife." By calling the sinner to account for his ways, loves leads him to obtain God's forgiveness and that of those sinned against.

No doubt that are many other ways that love is able to cover sin and not exacerbate offenses by stirring up strife. By calling these to mind, perhaps we can work toward making our homes more peaceable.

The Value of Positive "Peer Pressure"

Greg Gwin

I wasn't ready to do it yet. I really didn't want to get started at it. But, my neighbor had already mowed his grass two times, and my yard was looking pretty shabby. I figured if he mowed a third time before I mowed the first time, it would really make me look bad. So, even though I wasn't really in the mood, I got the mower out of the garage and went to work.

How often have you been motivated in a similar fashion? Maybe it was at work or school. Perhaps it was a project or chore that you really dreaded. But someone else did something that made you realize that you needed to get to work.

We often talk about "peer pressure." Most often we mention it with a negative connotation. In this regard we are talking about how others can influence us to do evil. We are "pressured" to talk, act and dress like worldly people do. There is great danger in this, and we have rightfully warned about these negative influences. "Evil companions corrupt good morals" (1 Cor. 15:33).

But, there is a positive side to "peer pressure" that we may be tempted to overlook. When we are around good people who are doing good things, we are motivated to follow their example. We are urged to get busy in the work of the Lord. We are encouraged to live right. We are moved to imitate them and be like them. This is good and helpful.

We are to "exhort one another daily" (Hebrews 3:13), and to "consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works" (Hebrews 10:24). Christian, are you setting a good example for others? Are you motivating them in positive ways? Are you helping your brothers and sisters to be more like God wants them to be?



End of Daylight-Saving Time

Remember to set your clocks 1 hour back next Saturday night to wake up at the right time on Sunday morning. We will be gaining 1 hour of sleep if you go to bed at your usual time.