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Salted Speech Colossians 4:6

- ~ *To be prepared for war is one of the most effective means of preserving peace.* ~George Washington
- ~ *Patriotism is when love of your own people comes first; nationalism, when hate for people other than your own comes first.* ~Charles de Gaulle
- ~ *Judge each day not by the harvest you reap but by the seeds you plant.* ~William Arthur Ward,
Thoughts of a Christian Optimist, 1968
- ~ *He who finds a wife finds a good thing, And obtains favor from the LORD. (Proverbs 18:22)*
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The Sin of Hate Speech by John T. Polk II

Proverbs 30:10: "Do not malign a servant to his master, lest he curse you, and you be found guilty."

David understood what this proverb is about:

"Do not keep silent, O God of my praise! For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful have opened against me; they have spoken against me with a lying tongue. They have also surrounded me with words of hatred, and fought against me without a cause. In return for my love they are my accusers, but I give myself to prayer. Thus they have rewarded me evil for good, and hatred for my love." (**Psalms 109:1-5**)

There is no doubt this was done against David, Jesus Christ, and many Christians today, but **it is an evil word weapon of mass destruction when used politically with Media magnification!**

All Christians must put away all "evil speaking" (**Ephesians 4:31**). **All non-Christians** who blaspheme Christians are suddenly put on notice by this proverb.

False accusation is the stuff of Social Media, a.k.a. gossip:

1. "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor" (**Exodus 20:16**).
2. "A faithful witness does not lie, but a false witness will utter lies" (**Proverbs 14:5**).
3. "A false witness shall perish, but the man who hears him will speak endlessly" (**Proverbs 21:28**). Many hate-filled labels are hurled at opponents simply because the "hurler" has accepted the "false witness" that has been widely spread on Social Media! **Some will carry out the poison of "false witnesses" !**
4. "An evildoer gives heed to false lips; A liar listens eagerly to a spiteful tongue" (**Proverbs 17:4**). Surely in a political campaign year, this is easily understood. **"Evildoer"** describes someone whose heart is full of wickedness and sins. **"False lips"** describes the mouths through which the heart of evil speaks falsely. Only a wicked person wants to feed his, or her, vile heart with lies coming through "false lips". The liar collects garbage scraps from tongues of hateful spite, and cares nothing about truth, righteousness, or purity! **The problem for the rest of us is trying to "see the forest for the sleaze!"** Gossip taken seriously becomes malice in those with no respect for the truth! Jesus said the Devil is "a liar and the father of it" (**John 8:44**), but we know His children! Beware of the Devil's family reunion!

It is cancelled by the commandment

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (**Romans 13:9**). No wonder, then, that "false witness" is one of the 7 things God "hates" (**Proverbs 6:16-19**). The unproven, unclaimed, thus false "accusation" placed on Jesus' cross was: "THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS" (**Matthew 27:37**). Jesus Christ never was, nor will He ever be only "the King of the Jews," for He is "the King of kings and Lord of lords" (**1 Timothy 6:15**)!

A Christian is a "fellow servant in the Lord" along with **Paul (Colossians 1:7; 4:7)**, **Moses (Hebrews 3:5)**, **John (Revelation 1:1)**, and **angels (Revelation 22:9)**. What Christians believe and practice must come from the Word of God (**Romans 10:17**) and produce unity (**John 17:20-21; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13**).

However, there are matters about which **God has allowed for conscientiousness which isn't violating God's explicit instructions, where Christians must not falsely accuse one another (Romans 14:1-10).**

"Vegans" should not condemn those who can eat meats.

No one is undermined if:

- A converted Catholic continued to eat fish on Fridays;
- A converted Jew may still do no work on Saturday;
- A converted denominational member still raises hands during a prayer;
- A converted Muslim woman still covers her head with a scarf, etc.

Since Christians are "servants of the Lord," Paul asks: "Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls" (**Romans 14:4**), then plainly declares: "For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself" (**Romans 14:7**).

This does not excuse anyone from continuing immoral, worldly ways in their Christian life (1 Corinthians 5:9-12; 6:9-11), and "those who are outside God judges" (1 Corinthians 5:13).

Christians must "contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints" (**Jude 3**). God has always kept the line clear between the righteous and the unrighteous (**Ezekiel 33:10-20**), lest His servant is falsely accused. -----jtpll



By Robert Lupo

How a Faithful Wife Can Save Her Husband

What would you do for your husband? Do you love him? Do you care for him? God gave women a very special role in life, to be a helper, comparable to her husband (Gen. 2:18). God created women to complement a man and to be his partner in life. Through women, children are born, families are raised, nations are built, and God's plan of salvation was fulfilled (Gen. 3:15; Matt. 1:20-21). Since Eve, women have brought life to the world by the will of God.

Are you bringing life to your marriage? I'm not talking about excitement or happiness, but eternal life. Are you actively working to make your husband's salvation sure (2 Pet. 1:10)? If you love your husband, then his salvation must be your highest priority.

In 1 Samuel 18 and 19, we read about David's first wife, Michal. She was the daughter of Saul and fell in love with David (1 Sam. 18:20). Saul saw that she loved him and used their marriage as an opportunity to have David killed. In chapter 19, Saul sent his messengers to David's home to kill him. Michal became aware of the plot, and because she loved her husband, she warned David and let him down from a window so he could escape. Michal saved David's life.

In Ephesians 5:23, Paul states, "the husband is the head of the wife as also Christ is the head of the church." This parallel shows that a husband must take the lead role in the salvation of his household. But, there are times when the wife may need to rescue her husband. When speaking of women married to an unbeliever, Paul states, "For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife...For how do you know, O wife, whether you will save your husband?" (1 Cor. 7:14, 16).

Are you actively working to make your husband's salvation sure?

The world is filled with temptations and stressors that test the resolve of even the most faithful men. It requires a wife like Michal to save her husband from the world. David was saved because his wife was watchful, gave him warning and provided him a way of escape.

A Christian wife must be watchful for her husband, understand the dangers he faces and give him warning. Don't allow your husband to wander from the faith. Warn him and encourage him so he might repent (Ezek. 3:18). Then, provide for him a way of escape. Help him return to the Lord. Be a servant to him, pray for him, and be an example to him of good works. Peter wrote, "Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives" (1 Pet. 3:1). Do you love your husband? Is his salvation your priority? Help him make his salvation sure.

Rules For Rearing a Juvenile Delinquent - Part 2

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- 7 - Let him read anything he wants. Have no concern whatsoever for what goes into his mind. Provide him with Lily cups for his lips, but let his brain drink out of any dirty container for words and ideas.
- 8 - Quarrel frequently in his presence. In this way he will be prepared for broken homes later on.
- 9 - Satisfy every craving of the child for food, drinks, and everything that has to do with the sense of taste and touch; gratify every sensual desire.
- 10 - Give him all the spending money he wants; never let him earn his own.
- 11 - Take his part against policemen, teachers, and neighbors. They are all prejudiced against your child.
- 12 - When he gets into real trouble, always defend yourself and say: "I never could do anything with him."

NOTE: Follow these 12 easy rules, and the prison population should rise appreciably in the next 20 years.

Barnes' Bible Charts



By David Sproule

Single Parents in God's Family

The toughest job in the world today is being a faithful Christian parent! While it can be difficult for a faithful dad and faithful mom to raise faithful kids together, the task is exponentially tough for a single parent doing it alone, or the Christian parent with an unbelieving spouse. If this is you, may I offer you some encouragement? Let's focus for a moment on what you do have instead of on what you don't have.

Remember that you are not alone in this!

Know without any doubt that God sees you, hears you and is walking with you every day. Read about how He cared for Hagar (Gen. 16:1-13; 21:15-21), the widow of Zarephath (1 Kgs. 17:8-24) and Eunice (Acts 16:1-3; 2 Tim. 1:5). Your God is actively present in your home with you (Heb. 13:5-6). Count on it!

Remember the Bible example of one faithful parent who raised a strong, faithful child. Timothy's dad was an unbeliever (Acts 16:3), but his mother raised a powerful servant of God. How did she do it? First, Scripture lived in their home from Timothy's infancy (2 Tim. 3:14-15), and faith was lived out in front of him (2 Tim. 1:5). Second, we see that she leaned on a godly grandparent (2 Tim. 1:5). You can do this!

Remember that God will fill in the gaps where you feel that you struggle. He said that He will give you wisdom

when you ask (Jas. 1:5). He said that He will give you strength, even in the midst of your weakest moments (2 Cor. 12:9-10; Eph. 6:10). He said that He will provide your needs (Matt. 6:25-34). Trust Him! There is no single Christian parent who He has ever left alone! Let Him be the Father in your home!

Remember to fill your home with Scripture and prayer. Regular Bible study time and even Scriptures posted around the house (Deut. 6:4-9) remind your child of God's love and wisdom. Opening your heart to God in prayer and teaching your child to do the same (Phil. 4:6-7) will help them to put their trust in Him and lean on Him. If your child sees this in you, there is nothing more valuable that you could give them. Little moments can have big impacts!

Finally, remember that your church family surrounds you and your children. God designed the church to bear burdens together, encourage one another and help your family flourish in Christ (Gal. 6:2, 10; Eph. 4:16; 6:1-4). You are NOT alone! You are surrounded by Christians who can be spiritual grandpas, grandmas, uncles and aunts. You are loved! And you may not realize it, but your steadfastness is an encouragement to the rest of us!

You are not forgotten by God (Heb. 6:10)! Do not grow weary (Gal. 6:9) or think you are alone (Matt. 28:20)! God will do great things for you and with you! You've got this!