

The Greatest News Yet



(Psalm 59:6-7)

Fundamental Baptists have been in the forefront of those who have defended the Word (KJV). As a Baptist, I am happy that is so. However, today there are many that seem to be more than happy to straighten out everyone else, yet completely ignore Gods instructions in doing so.

All the while the issue does not have to be a serious one (like doctrine). Minor differences and preferences are dwelt upon as a pretext to slaughter and destroy. Name calling is employed in a slanderous attempt to discredit a ministry that is often a greater ministry than anything the attacker can ever attempt or accomplish. Thus God is then dishonored, a good work is harmed and often a man who is a hero of the faith is harmed.

We can easily see David facing this same type of attack over 3,000 years ago. He called them yapping dogs.

Every pastor will face disgruntled sinners, church jumpers and gossipers who will use half truths, lies and slanderers to attempt to sidetrack and discredit him.

David under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, is praying for their demise, and then leaving it with the Lord.

He then proceeds about the Lord's business trusting God, while waiting on the Lord for strength and song.

I have tried to be careful, confident and at times bold when I deal publicly with an issue. And as Pastor, I have cut fellowship with ministries that have no balance and attack in senseless rhetoric to discredit people we should love and in particular those that love the Bible (KJV).

In thinking through this, here are some suggestions:

- A) Always deal with issues Biblically and not with personalities unless the person is an outright heretic.
- B) Keep a Christian perspective and attitude. Always remain aware of this deadly truth! "YOU COULD BE WRONG"
- C) Always deal as gently as you can. What could help here is to make a scriptural study of the word "gentle".
- D) This is extremely important. Every man will answer for himself. Beware lest you take on an adversary that makes you an enemy of God. Remember our Lord will protect His own in time of unjust attack.

If you are today on the receiving end of such an attack, then keep the right attitude and outlook, don't get sidetracked here, let the Lord take care of your attackers. But, if you have been guilty of attacking someone else, **REPENT!**

The devil is happy when God's children begin senseless campaigns of destruction.

DON'T BE A YAPPING DOG.