

“What Are They Saying About You?”

Now I urge you, brethren, keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances contrary to the teaching which you learned, and turn away from them. For such men are slaves, not of our Lord Christ but of their own appetites; and by their smooth and flattering speech they deceive the hearts of the unsuspecting. For the report of your obedience has reached to all; therefore I am rejoicing over you, but I want you to be wise in what is good and innocent in what is evil.

Romans 16:17-19

1. _____ is what _____ say about you.
_____ is what _____ knows about you.
(Rom. 16:1-4)
2. The key to a _____ reputation is _____-centered living.
(Rom. 16:17,18)
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(Rom. 16:19)
4. Don't _____ how God can use _____ or _____ else for His glory.
(Rom. 16:6,7,12)

Discussion Questions

1. Review your sermon notes and discuss which point was most meaningful to you and why.
2. Who is somebody that has a great reputation in the world? Who is somebody that has a bad reputation in the world? What did they do to earn their reputations?
3. Do you agree or disagree with the statement: “Your reputation in Heaven is based on your reputation on Earth”? Why or why not? What are the ramifications if the statement is true?
4. Read Ezekiel 14:13,14,20. Who are the three men that God refers to? What reputation did these three men have in Heaven based on how they had lived on Earth?
5. Read Revelation 6:9,10. What is the reputation in Heaven of those mentioned in this passage? Note how their reputation in Heaven is based on how they had lived on earth.
6. How should knowing that your reputation in Heaven will be based on your reputation on Earth affect your life?
7. Who is someone that you underestimated, but then were surprised by how God used him or her? (It's okay to include yourself.) Who is someone in Scripture that people underestimated and God used greatly for His glory?