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BREAKING THE SILENCE ON MORE TOUGH TOPICS

Part 7: Hostility | October 28-29, 2017

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Matthew 22:37-39

Jesus replied, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’

Civil: to be polite, reasonable, and have respectful behavior.

Civility starts with me.

1 Peter 2:17

Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.

1. Respect everyone
2. Love the family of believers
3. Fear God
4. Honor the emperor

Civility matters, despite circumstances

Honor prevents the entanglement of bitterness.

Civility starts with me.

James 1:13-15

When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

3 Truths from this passage:

1. Temptation does not come from God
2. Our desires are the source of temptation
3. Evil desires ultimately lead to death.

The core of hostility is the sin of pride

James 3:7-10

All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be.

Communication is more than words

7% is verbal

55% is non-verbal

38% is tone

Important conversations need to happen face to face.

Our words represent our heart.

A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of. – *Luke 6:45*

Next Steps

For many married couples, it's easy for disagreements to move toward some level of hostility, even if it's subtle and seemingly harmless. A great way to push back on that tendency (and strengthen other aspects of your marriage) is by participating in the workshop, **The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work**. Our next session is November 3 & 4, and all the details are on today's program insert. Register today at the Connection Point or online at ctk.church.

Small Group Questions

- 1) In your opinion, is our culture getting more or less hostile? Why?
- 2) When hostility rises up within you, what's the result? What comes out?
- 3) Read James 3:3-6. What sticks out to you from this passage?
- 4) The challenge from this message on hostility was to have important conversations face to face rather than on social media. Discuss why this would be important.
- 5) How can we pray for you right now and throughout the week, especially as it relates to this subject?