

I DON'T ENTERTAIN FOOLISHNESS!

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TEXT:

2 Timothy 2:23 KJV

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2 Timothy 2:23 NIV

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SUBJ: I don't entertain foolishness! (Tell your neighbor, "Say neighbor I don't entertain foolishness!")

INTRO: How many of y'all know, that the best thing you can do for yourself, is to not entertain foolishness?

And I don't know about you, but I don't have time for foolishness!

(NOTE: My time is too valuable and I have too much to do, than to be entertaining foolishness!)

So if you're coming to me with any kind of foolishness, let me save a trip and don't waste your time, because I ain't the one!

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(EXPOUND) Don't entertain Foolishness, because Foolishness leads to foolishness!

(NOTE: The end result of entertaining foolishness, is always foolishness!)

Titus 3:9 KJV

But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain.

Titus 3:9 MESSAGE

Stay away from mindless, pointless quarreling over genealogies and fine print in the law code. That gets you nowhere.

(EXPOUND) There's nothing profitable that comes from entertaining foolishness!

(NOTE: I got too much going in my life to entertain foolishness!)

(EXP#) Dealing with my family, with my job, with my finances, with my health, with my marriage, with my children, with the church!

I got too much going in my life to be entertaining foolishness!

So Let me tell you now, if you're someone who's about that dumb stuff, don't come around me!

(EXP#) Gossiping, Talking about people, Lying, Being jealous, being hateful, being soft, being sneaky and conniving, deceitful, doing anything that's not of GOD;

Don't come around me because I don't have time for foolishness!

(EXPOUND) And three things I've learned about foolishness:

#1 Most of the foolishness you deal with comes from the people closest to you!

(EXPOUND) Most of the time, most of the foolishness you have in your life, comes from somebody you know!

Job 2:7-10

7 So went Satan forth from the presence of the Lord, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown. 8 And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself withal; and he sat down among the ashes. 9 Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die. 10 But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips.

(EXPOUND) It was Job's wife who told him to curse GOD and die!

(NOTE: Now that's foolishness!)

(EXP#) It was Joseph's brother who caused the foolishness in his life.

(EXP#) It was Saul who caused the most foolishness in David's life.

(EXP#) It was Judas who caused the foolishness in his JESUS 's life.

**#2 I've learned, that if I leave foolishness alone,
I'll have a better life!**

(EXPOUND) You can't even enjoy your life, if you spend your time entertaining foolishness.

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12 KJV

11 And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you; 12 That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing.

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12 NIV

11 And to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: You should mind your own business and work with your hands, just as we told you, 12 so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.

(EXPOUND) You need to make it your business to leave foolishness alone!

And when people see that you don't entertain foolishness, you'll draw respect from people to your life.

(NOTE: People don't want to be bothered with people who are about foolishness!)

Especially if you're a Christian and you're always dealing with foolishness.

(NOTE: Don't nobody want to be bothered with you if you're peddling in foolishness!

(EXP#) Here she comes with that foolishness!

#3 I've learned, that foolishness keeps me from the things of GOD!

(EXPOUND) Foolishness pulls you out of the presence of GOD!

2 Timothy 2:23-24

23 But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes. 24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient!

(EXPOUND) You can't be a servant of GOD and operate in foolishness at the same time!

1 Corinthians 14:33

For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

(EXPOUND) Foolishness and GOD don't together!

(NOTE: Like Oil and water, they don't go together!)

If you have any foolishness in your life, it's not of GOD and you need to rebuke that spirit in the name of JESUS!

(EXP#) We rebuke the spirit of foolishness, confusion, disunity, dysfunction and division in the name of JESUS!

3 things that'll keep you out of foolishness:

BODY:

#1 Be careful of the company you keep!

(EXPOUND) One of the worst things you can ever do, is to hangout with Foolish people, because they're infectious!

(NOTE: They can make you start acting foolish too!)

(EXP#) They see somebody and say something about them and then you see them and you say something too!

(NOTE: And you don't even know the person!)

Paul said in

1 Corinthians 15:33

Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.

(EXPOUND) Don't fool yourself thinking that you can hangout with foolish people and you won't become foolish yourself!

(NOTE: It's called Transference of spirits!)

(EXP#) When Moses went to GOD and said he couldn't carry the burden of children of Egypt by himself, GOD told him to go get 70 people that he knew, and he would transfer the spirit that was upon him, and put it upon them!

(That's called Transference of Spirits)

You become who you be around!

Proverbs 25:26 KJV

A righteous man falling down before the wicked is as a troubled fountain, and a corrupt spring.

Proverbs 25:26 NIV

Like a muddied spring or a polluted well are the righteous who give way to the wicked.

(EXPOUND) When you hangout with foolish people, your waters (Which represents your life) becomes muddied and polluted!

(SAYING) "If you wrestle with a pig, you get dirty too!"

(NOTE: You become just as nasty as the pig!)

Psalm 26:4-5

**4 I have not sat with vain persons, neither will I go in with dissemblers.
5 I have hated the congregation of evil doers; and will not sit with the wicked.**

(EXPOUND) You should hate having foolish people around you!

(NOTE: Every time they come around, you should get up and leave!)

(NOW, just make sure you're not the one that's being left by yourself, because you might need to check yourself!)

#2 Don't give residence to foolishness!

(EXPOUND) The only way that you can live a peaceful life, is that you have to be able to ignore the foolishness going on around you!

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strifes.

2 Timothy 2:23 GNT

But keep away from foolish and ignorant arguments; you know that they end up in quarrels.

(EXPOUND) Foolishness always causes trouble!

(EXP#) Let's go to the club tonight!

No I have to prepare for church in the morning!

(EXP#) Girl you know what she did!

(NOTE: No I don't! And how do you know?)

(EXP#) You should've seen him at the club!

(NOTE: Well, How you know he was there, unless you were in there too!)

See that's why most people don't have any peace in their life because they're always in some foolishness!

Luke 18:35-40

35 And it came to pass, that as he was come nigh unto Jericho, a certain blind man sat by the way side begging: 36 And hearing the multitude pass by, he asked what it meant. 37 And they told him, that Jesus of Nazareth passeth by. 38 And he cried, saying, Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me. 39 And they which went before rebuked him, that he should hold his peace: but he cried so much the more, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me. 40 And Jesus stood, and commanded him to be brought unto him: and when he was come near, he asked him! 41 Saying, What wilt thou that I shall do unto thee? And he said, Lord, that I may receive my sight. 42 And Jesus said unto him, Receive thy sight: thy faith hath saved thee.

(EXPOUND) You can't let the foolishness around you, stop you from SEEING the great things GOD has in store!

(Note: Not Your Family, Friends, Enemies OR Church Members!)

If you want to SEE something great in your life, learn to ignore the foolishness!

CONCLUSION:

#3 If it's not about GOD, it ain't for me!

(EXPOUND) If what somebody brings to you ain't of GOD, it ain't for you!

(NOTE: Foolishness is not of GOD!)

(NOTE: Accepting foolishness in your life can put you in a bad position!)

(MAMA) My mama used say, "Trouble is easy to get into, but it's hard to get out of!"

2 Chronicles 18:27-32

27 And Micaiah said, If thou certainly return in peace, then hath not the Lord spoken by me. And he said, Hearken, all ye people. 28 So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth-gilead.

29 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, I will disguise myself, and will go to the battle; but put thou on thy robes. So the king of Israel disguised himself; and they went to the battle. 30 Now the king of Syria had commanded the captains of the chariots that were with him, saying, Fight ye not with small or great, save only with the king of Israel. 31 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, It is the king of Israel. Therefore they compassed about him to fight: but Jehoshaphat cried out, and the Lord helped him; and God moved them to depart from him.

(EXPOUND) Foolishness can get you caught up in something that'll have you fighting for your life and it's not even your fight!

Philippians 1:27

Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

1 Peter 1:15-16

15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; 16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

(EXPOUND) If what they saying ain't of GOD, it ain't for me!

