

# Doing What Ought Not to Be Done

## Part 2

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### I **SLIDE** Veterans

### II **SLIDE** Nevertheless....

- A) **Romans 2:1 (NIV)** <sup>1</sup> You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge the other, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things.
- B) **Romans 10:1-4 (NIV)** <sup>1</sup> Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved. <sup>2</sup> For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge. <sup>3</sup> Since they did not know the righteousness of God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. <sup>4</sup> Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

### III **SLIDE** Are we doing the same things?

- A) **Romans 1:28-29 (NIV)** <sup>28</sup> Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done. <sup>29</sup> They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity.
- 1) Wickedness
    - a) Injustice
    - b) That which is out of harmony with God's established use
  - 2) Evil
  - 3) **SLIDE** Greed
    - a) Takes different forms

b) **Luke 12:15 (NIV)** <sup>15</sup> Then [Jesus] said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

c) Love of money, hoarding, overspending, keeping up with the Kardashians, entitlement

4) Depravity

B) Not us

1) For the most part, we do not fall into any of these categories

2) However, Paul is not listing categories of sin

3) Paul is listing sin

4) Paul is not condemning us; He is convicting us

IV Paul is not through

A) **SLIDE Romans 1:29B (NIV)** They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips,

1) Envy

a) Jealousy

b) Pain conceived at the sight of excellence

c) Now comes the offensive part

d) Is it possible that we use Facebook to promote our children over others?

e) When we post or speak of our accomplishments, are we praising God or are we boasting?

f) Ever been to a sporting event where parents attack other players?

g) Have we ever been miffed because we or our spouses or our children were "overlooked?"

h) Have we ever felt slighted when God chose to use someone else instead of us?

i) Have you ever felt you were more deserving of an honor than the person who was actually honored?

j) Ever feel jealous when the church down the road was growing faster than we are?

- k) When we choose people to give testimonies, have you ever wondered why you were not chosen?
- l) Ben & communion - never chose me - actually, Jesus did not choose me
- m) **SLIDE** **Philippians 1:15 (NIV)** <sup>15</sup> It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill.
- 2) **SLIDE** Murder
  - a) Slaying or killing (primary meaning)
  - b) Definitely not me
  - c) However....
  - d) **Matthew 5:21-22 (NIV)** [Jesus said,] <sup>21</sup> "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' <sup>22</sup> But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, 'Raca,' [an Aramaic term of contempt] is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell.
    - i) **SLIDE** Angry WITH HIS BROTHER
    - ii) Fool
      - Silly
      - Stupid
      - Used of persons meaning morally worthless
      - Raca is calling someone stupid
      - Fool speaks to the worthlessness of a person's heart
    - iii) Thus, when we get angry at a fellow believer and feel in our hearts that he or she is worthless, we are in trouble
    - iv) When we feel anger and harbor that anger to the point that we avoid that person, we are in trouble
    - v) When we worship with people with whom we do not even want to speak, we are in trouble
- 3) **SLIDE** Strife
  - a) Contention; Discord
  - b) Backbiting

- c) Ever lit the match that caused a fire?
  - d) Ever spoken a word that added fuel to a fire?
  - e) Ever read a post or heard a comment like this: I am so tired of certain people talking about me behind my back.
  - f) What is the result of such a statement? Strife
  - g) **Proverbs 13:9-10 (NIV)** <sup>9</sup> The light of the righteous shines brightly, but the lamp of the wicked is snuffed out. <sup>10</sup> Where there is strife, there is pride, but wisdom is found in those who take advice.
  - h) I told you we would offend everyone
- 4) **SLIDE** Deceit
- a) Bait
  - b) Guile
  - c) Treachery
  - d) Duplicity
  - e) This does not necessarily mean we out-and-out lie
  - f) It can mean we tell only part of the truth to create a misleading conclusion
  - g) John and his deer
    - i) John shot a trophy buck with a muzzle loader
    - ii) Yeah. Now he's famous, getting all of the attention
    - iii) That is the truth, but what is the result?
- 5) **SLIDE** Malice
- a) Mischievous, which is a form of evil
  - b) Stems from an ill-nature
  - c) Taking everything with an evil connotation
  - d) Giving a malicious interpretation to the actions of others
  - e) i.e. my statement about John
  - f) Fake News
    - i) **SLIDE** Koi
      - Picture
      - Again, the press ridiculed Pres. Trump for ignoring protocol and embarrassing himself

- But here is the truth: Japanese PM Shinzo Abe emptied his entire container ahead of Trump, but the MSM is reporting that Trump embarrassingly broke protocol.

B) **SLIDE** Ok. Just in case we have left someone out....Gossips

- 1) Whisperers
- 2) Accuser
- 3) A backbiter who does his slandering secretly but openly
- 4) Gossip does not always mean we share something not true
- 5) Gossip is sharing something a person has no need to know - even if it is the truth
- 6) Gossip is sharing something you have no good reason to share other than to share it
- 7) Anyone here ever gossiped?
- 8) Anyone here listened to gossip?
- 9) Anyone here gossiped lately?