

**DATE:** Saturday - Sunday, June 20-21, 2020

**SERIES: LIVING IN THE PARENTHESIS:** *Steps to a Joyful and Meaningful Life*

**SERMON:** Sharing What You Know

***1 Peter 3:13-17***

[13] Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good?

[14] But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.”

[15] But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,

[16] keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

[17] For it is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

***Colossians 4:2-6***

[2] Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

[3] And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains.

[4] Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.

[5] Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.

[6] Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

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***Sharing What You Know . . .***

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **all you can.**

2. \_\_\_\_\_ **what you know.**

3. \_\_\_\_\_ **faithfully and obediently**

- \_\_\_\_\_ gentleness and respect to all.
- \_\_\_\_\_ people a reason to admire Christ and His church.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Christlikeness.

4. \_\_\_\_\_ **people make a response.**

- \_\_\_\_\_; take advantage of every opportunity.

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## **Why YOU must be the church...**

Why is this the case, and what does it mean?

**First, the world has already made this association.** In their minds, you are the church. If we live before them either righteously or unrighteously, they will assume the church is as we are. The world *will judge* the church by you and me.

This, of course, puts great pressure on us. Our speech, our attitudes, and our actions are being judged by the people around us. It is truly imperative that we “be” the church.

**Second, whatever the church does, we do.** If we serve, it serves. If we are generous, it is generous.

The church cannot minister without each of its members being faithful to God and mindful of the needs around us. I know this statement is true at FBC Covington and probably is true in every congregation: we need you to volunteer to do the work of ministry.

We need people with deep commitment and a strong work ethic. We need servants who see their service as “unto Christ” Himself.

**Third, we must be lifelong learners who seek more and more every day to become like Christ** and to live out who He is in all our associations and relationships.

*“Let this mind be in you which also was in Christ Jesus” -Philippians 2:5.*

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**HAPPY FATHER’S DAY**

***May this be a day of blessings and sweet memories***