



“A talebearer reveals secrets, but he that is of a faithful spirit conceals a matter.”

Proverbs 11:13

There is a story in the New Testament that richly demonstrates this truth. Jesus tells a story (not a parable) about a certain rich man and a beggar named Lazarus. Upon their deaths, Lazarus enters into Paradise while the rich man meets with his fate in Hades. The man entering Paradise is called by name while the rich man is never named! This is not an oversight. It is not because Jesus didn't know the rich man's name, but rather a clear choice by the Lord Jesus to not mention this lost man by name. Most certainly He knew who this rich man was and even knew him by name, yet He chooses to keep his identity undisclosed – forever guarding this man's dignity – even in hell's judgment! (Luke 16:9 – 31).

Are we so faithful in our dealings with men? Do we guard their dignity as did Jesus? The faithful man conceals matters for “love covers a multitude of sins.” (1 Peter 4:8). To watch over another person's secrets is a high trust. To violate that trust brings many wounds, most of which can never be healed apart from a deep work of the Cross!

“Lord Jesus , may I love as You loved. Help me to be found as a faithful steward who can be entrusted with the secrets and dignity of others. Love of God, so work in my life that it becomes natural for me to protect others for Christ's sake and by Christ's example! Amen!”

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