

Secrecy – A Spiritual Cancer

Overview: John 10:10 The Message

Ecc 12:14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether [it be] good, or whether [it be] evil.

Mar 4:22 For there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested; neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad.

Luke 12:3 Therefore whatsoever ye have spoken in darkness shall be heard in the light; and that which ye have spoken in the ear in closets shall be proclaimed upon the housetops.

A. Secrecy and Privacy.

Definitions.

Private: intended for or restricted to the use of a particular person, group or class.

Secret: marked by the habit of discretion – closemouthed.

Privacy: the quality or state of being apart from company or observation - seclusion.

Secrecy: the habit or practice of keeping secrets or maintaining privacy or concealment.

Comparisons.

Privacy is consensual where secrecy is not; that is, there is a “right to privacy” but no equivalent “right to secrecy.”

Secrecy is the act of hiding information. Privacy is about being unobserved.

Secret: information intentionally withheld for the purpose of avoiding consequences.

Private: information intentionally withheld for the purpose of creating safety or protection of self or others.

B. Good Effects of Secrecy.

Avoid gossiping and murmuring.

Avoid people wanting something from you.

Avoid people thinking that you are bragging.

Avoid your using it to talk down to people.

Avoid your using it to look down at people.

C. Bad Effects of Secrecy.

Pride: So puffed up, you don't want to share the information.

So self-righteous, you don't share with those of lesser faith.

Fear: Fear of reprisals or what others might say.

Fear of appearing as a failure or less than how you see yourself.

Shame: Guilt, re: what has happened or where you are, prevents sharing.

Offense: Reluctant to share because you are angry with someone.

Demonic strongholds. Easily take root because of pride and fear.

Secrecy is like a growing cancer, always extending into your life.