

# MESSAGE NOTES

August 24, 2008

## “God's Top Ten – Number 8: Protect Your Neighbor's Good Name!”

Give examples why the following Proverb is true:

Proverbs 22:1, "A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold."

***You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.***

What does this mean?

*We should fear and love God that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, or give him a bad name, but defend him, speak well of him, and take his words and actions in the kindest possible way.*

READ 2 Samuel 15:1-12

**Protect Your Neighbor's Name! \_\_\_\_\_!**

How did Absalom steal the good name of his father David?

How do we steal the good name of another person?

What motivates us to do this?

What did Jesus endure to bring forgiveness for our sins against this Command?

**Protect Your Neighbor's Name! \_\_\_\_\_.**

Luther gives us three ways to help our neighbor keep his good name. What are they? Give examples under each one.

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- *Proverbs 31:8-9 "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves....Defend the rights of the poor and needy.*

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

- *1 Peter 3:8-10 "Live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called..."*
- *Proverbs 10:12 "Hatred stirs up dissension, but love covers all wrongs."*

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**During the week:**

Take note of your conversations. Be reminded of today's message to always protect the good name of your neighbor!