

"Things Christians Shouldn't Be Remembered For"

Text: Proverbs 22:1

**"A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches,
and loving favour rather than silver and gold."**

Introduction:

- The Bible tells us that to establish a good name for one's self is to be chosen over great riches.
- How we establish a name for ourselves is determined by how we live our lives before others.
- It takes a lifetime to establish a good name but only a moment to destroy it and bring shame to it.
- For example Richard Nixon will not be remembered for his accomplishments as President of the United States but for the Watergate Break-In.
- That one incident will forever be linked with the name Richard Nixon.
- The Word of God not only lists Christians by name that had established a good name for themselves and maintained it throughout their entire Christian life -
 - But also the Word of God lists Christians by name that will always be remembered for the bad that they had done.
- This morning I want us to look at some things that Christians should not be remembered for.
- **# 1** - Christians should not be remember for .

3 John 9 - Diotrephes

- Christ is to suppose to be first -
 - **Col. 1:18**
- Others Second
 - **Phil. 2:3-4**
 - **Rom. 15:2**
- Jesus instructs us how to be first-
 - **Mt. 20:26, 23:11**
 - **Mk. 9:35, 10:43**
 - **Lk. 9:48**
- **# 2** - Christians should not be remembered for **Loving this present world.**
- **2 Tim. 4:10 - Demas**
 - **1 John 2:15-16**
 - **James 4:4**

- **Gal. 1:3-4** - Jesus gave himself to deliver us from this present evil world.
- **# 3** - Christian should not be remembered for **Doing Evil to Another Christian**.
- **2 Tim 4:14 - Alexander**
 - How Christians are to treat one another -
 - **Romans 12:10**
 - **Eph. 4:31-32**
 - God hates it!!!
 - **Proverbs 6:16-19**
 - Consequences
 - Miriam leprosy - Numbers 12
 - Korah & his family swallowed up by the earth and his followers destroyed by fire - Number 16
- **Conclusion:**
 - Christian you need to ask yourself will be remembered by having a good name **OR**
 - **Loving to have the Preeminence**
 - **Loving this present world**
 - **Doing Evil to Another Christian**