### **November 8: Guarding Your Name with Wisdom.**

**Read Proverbs 18:17.** A good name must be protected. Refuse to believe every story. Refuse to speak without understanding. Wisdom listens before it speaks.

- How can listening more help you avoid false judgment? Why is it dangerous to believe every story you hear?
- What are the consequences of careless speech?
- How does wisdom protect your relationships?
- When you seek truth before reacting, you guard not only your name but also the name and reputation of others. How can you actively defend the good name of others?

**Make this declaration out loud:** "I am slow to speak and quick to listen. My words build, not destroy. God's wisdom guards My name."

# November 9: Filled Again.

Read 1 Peter 4:8. Love is the final shield of a good name. It covers offenses, heals division, and strengthens unity.

- What does it mean for love to "cover" a multitude of sins?
- How does love and unity preserve the reputation of a community? What steps can you take to restore love where it's been broken?
- When love leads, gossip dies, and Christ is glorified. Who do you need to forgive or speak well of this week?
- What will your name be remembered for love or bitterness?

**Prayer:** Take time to pray for the name and reputation of each group member. Commit to upholding each other in love and not tearing each other down through gossip or slander. Pray that God will empower each of you to live a life that glorifies His name to unbelievers.



#### **Daily Devotional**

Here is a Daily Devotional to enable you to make the most out of this sermon. You may use it for your personal growth or discuss it together in your Life Group.

#### A BETTER NAME

**November 3: Integrity Builds Confidence.** 

**Read Proverbs 10:9 out loud:** "People with integrity walk safely, but those who follow crooked paths will slip and fall."

- What spoke to you the most from the sermon "A Better Name"?
- Integrity is the invisible foundation of a good name. It means living consistently in public and private. What does walking in integrity mean to you personally? How does integrity give you inner confidence and peace?
- What areas of your life require greater honesty or consistency?
- How can you reflect Christ's character in your daily choices?
- What practical step can you take this week to strengthen your integrity?

**Prayer:** Pray and ask God to help you live with integrity in all aspects of your life. Ask the Holy Spirit to keep your heart pure and your motives right. Pray that your life will reflect the Righteousness of God through Christ.

### **November 4: Your Reputation Introduces You.**

**Read 2 Chronicles 9:5–6.** A good name speaks before you do. Like Solomon, your life is a testimony that others notice even before you speak.

- Do you have a nickname (or did you have a childhood nickname)? Share it with the group and explain how you got the nickname.
- What are you known for? Do you think others would describe you as having a good name? What do people hear about you before they meet you?
- Who has modeled a godly reputation for you to follow? What lessons can you learn from their example?
- How can your reputation be a bridge to share Christ? How can you make sure your influence points others to God? Note: A name that glorifies God opens doors and wins trust.

**Make this declaration in faith:** "My life speaks of God's goodness. My name is an instrument of influence for His glory."

## November 5: Inspire by Example.

**Read 1 Corinthians 11:1.** A better name doesn't just gain respect — it inspires transformation. When your life reflects Christ's character, you become a light others can follow.

- Considering Christ's work in your life, how do you plan to inspire others?
- Who in your life has inspired you with their good name? What have you learned from this person about having a good name?
- What habits in your life reflect Christ clearly? What needs to change for your life to inspire others?
- How can you intentionally lead by example this week? How can your example strengthen the faith of others?

**Pray this prayer in faith:** "Lord, help me live in such a way that others see Your love through me. May my example honor Your name. Amen."

## November 6: Pleasing God, Not People.

**Read 2 Corinthians 5:9.** A good name before God matters more than human applause.

- What motivates your actions God's will or people's approval?
- How can living for God's approval free you from fear of others?
- What does a clear conscience mean in your daily walk?
- How do you stay focused on what pleases God? How can you encourage others to live for God's approval?

**Make this declaration in faith:** "I live to please God, not people. His approval is my reward and my peace."

# November 7: Pursuing a Lasting Legacy.

**Read Philippians 3:12.** A better name isn't built by being perfect but by being perfected. Every day is a step toward Christlikeness.

- What kind of legacy do you want your name to leave?
- How do you respond when you fall short or fail? Are you more focused on your image or your growth?
- What spiritual disciplines help you grow steadily?
- What is one step you can take to strengthen your godly legacy?
  True legacy is not what people say about you, but how your life continues to impact others long after you're gone.

**Prayer:** God perfects us every day through the direction of the Holy Spirit and through His Word, the Bible. Pray that God will help you to build a lasting legacy that glorifies His name. Ask Him to keep molding you into His image.