



**GROUNDHOG DAY**  
**Week 3 ~ The Bob Principle**

**If Bob has a problem with everyone and everything,  
then Bob is the problem.**

*Then all the congregation lifted up their voices and cried, and the people wept that night. All the sons of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron; and the whole congregation said to them, "Would that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or would that we had died in this wilderness! Why is the Lord bringing us into this land, to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will become plunder; would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?" So they said to one another, "Let us appoint a leader and return to Egypt." ~ Numbers 14:1-4*

*And do not complain as some of them did and were killed by the destroying angel. These things happened to them as examples and were written for our instruction, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So let the one who thinks he's standing be careful that he does not fall. ~ 1 Corinthians 10:10-12*

**~ FOUR THINGS ABOUT BOBS/BOBETTAS ~**

**1) Bob/Bobetta is a Problem Receiver.**

*A gossip betrays a confidence; so avoid anyone who talks too much.  
~ Proverbs 20:19*

**2) Bob/Bobetta is a Problem Carrier.**

*A perverse person stirs up conflict, and a gossip separates close friends.  
~ Proverbs 16:28*

**3) Bob/Bobetta is a Problem Finder.**

**CHISHOLM'S SECOND LAW** ~ Any time things appear to be going better, you have obviously overlooked something.

**4) Bob/Bobetta is a Problem Creator.**

*... they also learn to be idle, as they go around from house to house; and not merely idle, but also gossips and busybodies, talking about things not proper to mention. ~ 1 Timothy 5:13b*



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*I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to live in harmony in the Lord.  
~ Philippians 4:2*

*Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right,  
whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is  
any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.  
~ Philippians 4:8*

### **~ FIVE WAYS TO DOUSE BOB/BOBETTA WITH WATER ~**

#### **THE FIRST BUCKET: Pray For Them**

**Hurting people hurt people.**

*You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbor and hate  
your enemy." But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who  
persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven;  
for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the  
righteous and the unrighteous. ~ Matthew 5:43-45*

#### **THE SECOND BUCKET: Don't Stay Silent**

*Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all  
who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor  
and needy. ~ Proverbs 31:8-9*

#### **THE THIRD BUCKET: Ping-Pong The Positive**

*Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt,  
so that you may know how to answer everyone. ~ Colossians 4:6*

*Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing  
to the bones. ~ Proverbs 16:24*

*With the tongue, we praise our Lord and Father, and with it, we curse  
human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same  
mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be.  
~ James 3:9-10*

#### **THE FOURTH BUCKET: Walk Away**

*Do not give what is holy to dogs, and do not throw your pearls before swine,  
or they will trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.  
~ Matthew 7:6*

*Whoever does not receive you, nor heed your words, as you go out of that  
house or that city, shake the dust off your feet. ~ Matthew 10:14*

#### **THE FIFTH BUCKET: Refuse Anonymous Complaints**

*Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what  
is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit  
those who listen. ~ Ephesians 4:29*

### **~ T.H.I.N.K. BEFORE YOU SPEAK ~**

#### **T - Is it True?**

*The Lord detests lying lips, but He delights in people who are trustworthy.  
~ Proverbs 12:22*

#### **H - Is it Helpful?**

*The soothing tongue is a tree of life, but a perverse tongue crushes the spirit.  
~ Proverbs 15:4*

#### **I - Is it Inspiring?**

*... and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good  
deeds... ~ Hebrews 10:24*

#### **N - Is it Necessary?**

*The one who has knowledge uses words with restraint, and whoever has  
understanding is even-tempered. Even fools are thought wise if they keep  
silent, and discerning if they hold their tongues. ~ Proverbs 17:27-28*

#### **K - Is it Kind?**

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is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit  
those who listen. ~ Ephesians 4:29*