The Pilgrim’s Progress
Chapter 10—“Two Pilgrim’s Meet”
Chapter 11—“The Pilgrims Meet Talkative”
Chapter 12—“The Pilgrim’s Suffer at Vanity Fair”
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“What a fine companion we’ve got here. This man will make an extremely good Pilgrim.”
Faithful, to Christian, regarding Talkative

I. DVD #10 “The Godless City: Vanity Fair”

II. Talkative
A. Bunyan’s description
1. Tall – What might this mean?
2. Better looking at a distance – What might this mean?
3. Was talking too much Talkative’s main problem?

“Nobody could call him [Talkative] a detractor or a backbiter or a talebearer or a liar. . . . Had he been guilty of any of these things, Faithful would soon have found him out, and would have left him to go to the Celestial City by himself.” – Alexander Whyte

B. Christian’s description
1. What experience along the way could have helped Faithful recognize Talkative as a false professor?
2. Are we commanded in Scripture to speak evil of no man?
   a. Titus 3:1-2
   b. Eph 4:31
   c. James 4:11
3. Talkative is a master at ____________ new acquaintances.
4. Talkative comes from the City of Destruction.
5. Talkative is the son of ____________ and lived on Gabby Row.
6. Talkative is ____________ in his pilgrimage.
7. Talkative confounds the relationship between saying and ________________.

C. Scripture’s description of a “Talkative”
1. Diotrephes (3 John 3:9-10)
2. Balaam (Numbers 23:10)
3. Ahithophel (Psalm 55:20-21)
4. False professors (Mt 7:21-23)
5. The loveless (1 Cor 13:1)
III. Faithful questions Talkative ("How shall we prove the boastful claims of a good cook?")
A. "How does the saving grace of God reveal itself when it is in the person's heart?" (What
evidence ought to be found when the grace of God has truly converted a person's
heart?)
   1. "Outcry against sin."
   2. "Great knowledge of gospel mysteries."
B. Faithful's explanation of how God's saving grace is revealed to the Christian
   1. It inclines the soul to ___________ sin
   2. He has a knowledge that is associated with the grace of faith and love, which causes
   a person to begin ___________ the will of God from the ___________
   3. It reveals itself to him who has it and to those around him.
   4. It convicts of sin, causing ___________ and ___________ for sin.
   5. He finds Christ ___________ in himself and hungers and thirsts for
   righteousness.
   6. He'll ___________ joy and peace according to the strength or weakness of his
   faith in Christ.
C. Faithful's explanation of how God's saving grace is revealed to others
   1. In an experiential ___________ of his faith in Christ.
   2. In a life in ___________ with his confession.

IV. Next Week: Read Chapter 12 "The Pilgrims Suffer at the Vanity Fair."