

# mercEmail

*"He delights in mercy" (Micah 7:18)*

## Definitions

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**"They Say"** - usually means, "I heard it from at least one source, but everyone must believe it."

**"It Needs To Be Done"** - usually means, "I'm not going to do it, but someone in the church needs to."

**"I've Heard Some Criticism"** - usually means, "I'm against it, but don't want to state my belief."

**"The Whole Church Is Upset"** - usually means, "Two or three vocal members have expressed their dissatisfaction in something."

**"It Might Bring Criticism"** - usually means, "I know it should be done but it will probably require too much effort for me to do it."

**"If Memory Serves Me Correctly"** - usually means, "I'm going to say something that I'm not sure is true, but if somebody discovers I'm wrong, I can always blame my memory."

May we all put forth a greater effort to speak to be understood and to avoid deception.

"But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned" (Matthew 12:36-37).