



GOSSIP

Leviticus 19:15-18

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- Words often used to define: gossip – talebearer – whisperer – tattler
- One who spreads secrets or rumors in order to slander
- One who repeats what ought not to be repeated
- “What is that to me and you?”

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- ⁹ *With his mouth the godless man would destroy his neighbor, but by knowledge the righteous are delivered.*
- ¹⁰ *When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices, and when the wicked perish there are shouts of gladness.*
- ¹¹ *By the blessing of the upright a city is exalted, but by the mouth of the wicked it is overthrown. (Prov. 11:9-11 ESV)*

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- ⁴ *An evildoer listens to wicked lips, and a liar gives ear to a mischievous tongue.*
- ⁵ *Whoever mocks the poor insults his Maker; he who is glad at calamity will not go unpunished. (Prov. 17:4-5 ESV)*
- ⁹ *Whoever covers an offense seeks love, but he who repeats a matter separates close friends.*
- ¹⁰ *A rebuke goes deeper into a man of understanding than a hundred blows into a fool. (Prov. 17:9-10 ESV)*

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- ¹⁵ "You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor.
- ¹⁶ You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD.
- ¹⁷ "You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him.
- ¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD. (Lev. 19:15-18 ESV)

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- ¹⁴ *For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."*
- ¹⁵ *But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. (Gal. 5:14-15 ESV)*

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- ²⁸ And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done.
- ²⁹ They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips,
- ³⁰ slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents,
- ³¹ foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless.
- ³² Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.
(Rom. 1:28-32 ESV)

IS THIS GOSSIP?

- Matthew 18:15-17
- Matthew 5:23-24
 - Luke 17:3 – “If your brother sins, rebuke; if he repents, forgive.”
- Matthew 16:1-12
 - Luke 12:1 – “Which is hypocrisy”
- 1Timothy 1:18-20 – 2Timothy 4:14-15