

# Gossip

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- **Gossip wounds.** *“The words of a whisperer are like dainty morsels, and they go down into the innermost parts of the body”* (Proverbs 18:8, NASB). It can be often seen that the wounds of talebearing never heal. Sometimes the damage is so great that it can never be undone.
- **Gossip separates friends.** *“He who covers a transgression seeks love, but he who repeats a matter separates friends”* (Proverbs 17:9). Again, Solomon said: *“... a whisperer separates the best of friends”* (Proverbs 16:28). A lot of friendships have been ruined by gossip.
- **Gossip sows strife and digs up evil.** *“An ungodly man digs up evil, and it is on his lips like a burning fire”* (Proverbs 16:27). One who is eager to talk, he who must whisper, will find something to talk about – even if he has to dig it up! His lips burn with a message of gossip. Strife is the result.
- **Gossip ensnares the soul of the gossiper.** *“A fool’s mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul”* (Proverbs 18:7). The person who gossips is digging his own grave with his mouth.
- **Gossip is classed with the worst of evils.** It is mentioned with such sins as fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness, murder, deceit, malignity, haters of God, etc. (Romans 1:29-30).
- **Gossip is dangerous.** *“He who goes about as a talebearer reveals secrets; therefore do not associate with one who flatters with his lips”* (Proverbs 20:19).
- **The remedy.** *“Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips”* (Psalm 141:3).

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