



Pursuing Holiness ***– Dealing With Gossip –***

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***Paul Defended
His
Apostleship
In
2 Corinthians***



Four Problems With Gossip

1. Slander/Gossip Are Sin

Romans 1:28-32

2 Timothy 3:1-3

1 Timothy 3:11

1 Timothy 5:11

Titus 2:9

James 5:9



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2. Slander/Gossip Shatters Lives

Proverbs 16:28

Psalms 50:19-21

2 Corinthians 12:19-21



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3. Slander/Gossip Is Seductive

Proverbs 26:22

1 Corinthians 13:4-7



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4. Slander/Gossip Is Self-Revealing

Proverbs 10:18

James 3:6-18



Six Warnings

1. Gossip disqualifies potential leaders

1 Timothy 3:11

2. Do not associate with gossips

Proverbs 20:19

WARNING



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3. God hates strife . . . created by strife

Proverbs 6:16-19

4. God will judge every careless word

Matthew 12:36

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5. Cannot remove your gossip

6. The gossip may gossip about you

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Usually it is impossible
to verify the
truthfulness of gossip

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How To Identify Gossip!

Is the information necessary to share?

Is the information about the person harmful?

What is your motivation for sharing?

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- 1. Confess your sin of gossip/slander.***
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- 3. Share the negative situation with one counselor but only when necessary.***

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4. Refuse to listen if they are gossiping.

***Let your speech always be with grace,
as though seasoned with salt,
so that you will know how you should
respond to each person. Col 4:6***