



No Growth - Gossip

**The words of a talebearer are as wounds,
and they go down into the innermost parts
of the belly.**

Proverbs 18:8

Gab -----Proverbs 20:19

Others -----Leviticus 19:16

Secretive ---Proverbs 16:28

Spread -----1 Timothy 5:13

Information -Matthew 5:37

People -----Jeremiah 9:5

Gossip is idle talk or a rumor from a person who cautiously spreads questionable information to other people about another. However, the Bible uses talebearer mentioned six times in the Old Testament where five coming from the book of Proverbs and the other in Leviticus. The words of a gossip can endanger the person. How? The news from the tattler towards the victim in most cases is inaccurate. Secondly, the messages shared to the people may create hostility for that person. Finally, the victim may feel unsafe or be at risk of erroneous reports swirling around them.

Gossip begins with a person who loves talking too much. No matter what they are doing or where they are going, their verbal activity seems as though it is ahead of everything else. This attitude is a combination of being nosy, eyes and ears are open, ready to receive something to get the rumor mill operating. They endeavor to know something about the person that has their attention. The worst thing about a person who lives life like this is when they have nothing concrete about a person; they make things up.

Gossip can be fatal. The Lord warns those who have a habit of living this lifestyle in verse sixteen of chapter nineteen from the book of Leviticus.

Gossipers, who have false news about another person, will fabricate their story for satisfaction. The

problem with doing this could put the individual's life at risk with the people who received this gossip.

This verbal influence could change the attitude of the community against that person. Anyone from the crowd may fall into the temptation of escalating it further.

Gossip can, unfortunately, be cunning. A perverse person is deceitful and twists the truth to accomplish their agenda. They will use facts of the victim and provide partial truth and fabricate the rest. This kind of tactic brings confusion to listeners, overall causes discouragement and despair. Gossip is very secretive that comes in the form of a whisper. This silent method is undetected and protected from the person intended.

Gossip is mischievous networking. To spread the news to others about someone that could be detrimental is ungodly. No one should be doing this activity to another especially, a believer. Whether it is lies or truth, the negative impact it will have on society towards that person. Gossip is a trait that is associated with unbelievers. However, we do have people in the community who do not get too carried away in that manner.

Gossip is more than yes or no. We can say things to others about someone else does not give us the right. Personal information should come from that person. Any data we hear from another person about someone is none of our business. However, if the person feels comfortable and shares their personal information, that is okay.

Gossip by an individual comes from the devil. There is always something that triggers someone to do wrong to others which is sin. The enemy works with people who live in sin. Gossip occurs when a person watches another. What is the reason why a person would spend time doing that? Gossip is a sin associated with envy or jealousy. The person admires the victim or what they possess, but they do not tell anyone. If they have no way of getting what that person has, they retaliate to alleviate the feeling.

Gossip that spreads endangers the life of the innocent. Sending silent messages to coral other people to satisfy will only cause danger for the sender. The Word of God speaks against it and the Lord Himself. The truth will eventually surface and will be more dangerous to the Gossiper.

Beware of **GOSSIP**

The one that takes it in is

The person that **GO SIPS**

It in to be apart of sin.