

# EXTRA

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PART 12 The Gossip

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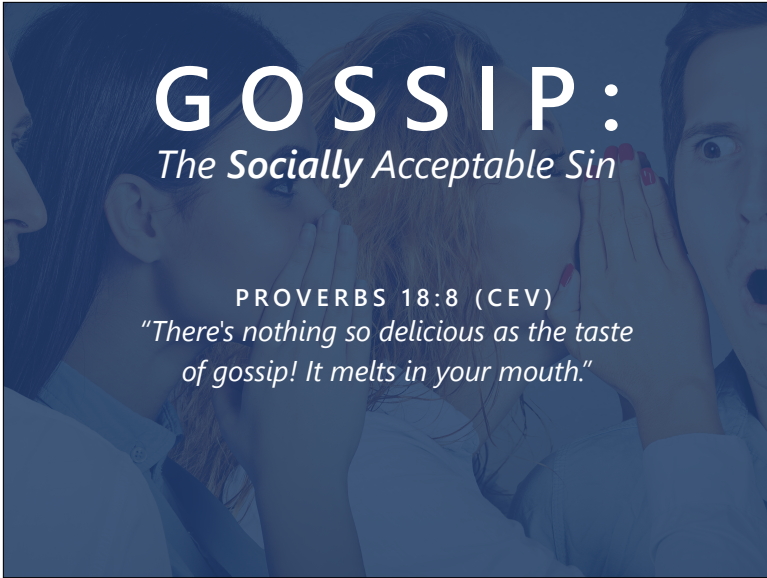
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## GOSSIP:

*The Socially Acceptable Sin*

PROVERBS 18:8 (CEV)  
*"There's nothing so delicious as the taste of gossip! It melts in your mouth."*



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## GOSSIP:

*The Theologically Unacceptable Sin*

LEVITICUS 19:16  
*"Do not spread gossip. Do not try to get ahead at the cost of your neighbor's life, for I am the Lord your God."*

PSALM 101:5  
*"Gag the gossip who bad-mouths his neighbor; I can't stand [their] arrogance."*



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GETTING CLEAR ABOUT  
**GOSSIP**

OLD TESTAMENT:  
*to spread a bad report*

NEW TESTAMENT:  
*to whisper*

DICTIONARY:  
*idle talk or rumor, especially about the personal or private affairs of others*

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GETTING CLEAR ABOUT  
**GOSSIP**

IN PRACTICE:  
*to talk about a person, true or not, in a less than flattering way to tear them down, not to build them up*

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**Is it Gossip?**

*Would I say the same thing if the one I'm talking about were present?*

*Would I say the same thing about a person if Jesus were there?*

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WHY GOD  
DESPISES GOSSIP

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**Gossip creates conflict.**

PROVERBS 16:28

*"An evil person sows strife; gossip separates the best of friends."*

PROVERBS 6:19

*"God hates the gossip who stirs up conflict in the spiritual community."*

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WHY GOD  
DESPISES GOSSIP

2

**Gossip ruins relationships.**

PROVERBS 16:28

*"Gossip separates best friends."*

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WHY GOD  
DESPISES GOSSIP

3

**Gossip corrodes confidence.**

PROVERBS 11:13

*"A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy person keeps a secret."*

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# WHY GOD DESPISES GOSSIP

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## Gossip razes reputations.

PROVERBS 18:21

*"The tongue has the power of life and death."*



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## Gossip

*Once spoken, our words  
are irretrievable!*

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*Boys flying kites haul in their white-winged birds;  
You can't do that when you're flying words...  
Thoughts, unexpressed, may fall back dead,  
But God himself can't kill them once they're said.*

WILL CARLETON

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LOVE THE GOSSIPER → ELIMINATE THE GOSSIP

1 I must redirect the conversation of a gossip.

*"Without wood a fire goes out; without gossip a quarrel dies down."* PROVERBS 26:20

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LOVE THE GOSSIPER → ELIMINATE THE GOSSIP

2 I must reprove the person who persists in gossip.

*"Better is open rebuke than hidden love."* PROVERBS 27:5

*"The one who rebukes another will in the end gain more favor than the one who has a flattering tongue."*

PROVERBS 28:23

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LOVE THE GOSSIPER → ELIMINATE THE GOSSIP

3 I must remove myself from the chronic gossip's presence.

*"A gossip betrays a confidence; so avoid one who talks too much."* PROVERBS 20:19

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LOVE THE GOSSIPER → ELIMINATE THE GOSSIP

4 I must regulate my own words.

*"Set a guard over my mouth, O Lord; keep watch over the door of my lips."* PSALM 141:3



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*"Though some tongues just love the taste of gossip, believers have better uses for language than that."*

EPHESIANS 5:4 (MSG)

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USE THE  
**THINK**  
FILTER

**T** - is it true?

**H** - is it helpful?

**I** - is it inspiring?

**N** - is it necessary?

**K** - is it kind?

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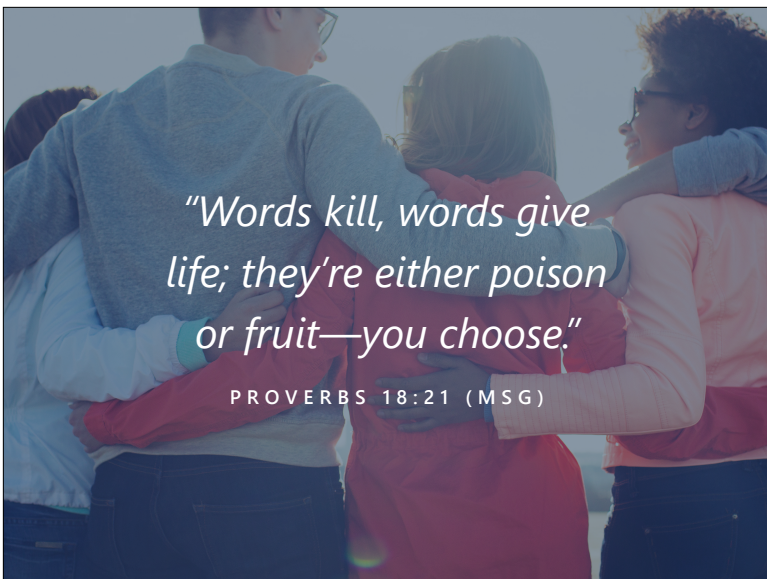
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