

Gossip

Necessary Sins: Part 2

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*Search me, God, and know my heart;
Test me and know my concerns.
See if there is any offensive way in me;
Lead me in the everlasting way.*

Psalm 139:23-24

Gossip: Talking about a situation with somebody who's neither part of the problem or part of the solution

*The Lord hates six things; in fact, seven are detestable to Him:
...a lying witness who gives false testimony, and one who stirs up trouble among brothers.*

Proverbs 6:16, 19

A gossip's words are like choice food that goes down to one's innermost being.

Proverbs 18:8

DERAILING GOSSIP

1. Is my conversation _____ or _____?

No foul language is to come from your mouth, but only what is good for building up someone in need, so that it gives grace to those who hear.

Ephesians 4:23

*Scoundrels create trouble; their words are a destructive blaze.
A troublemaker plants seeds of strife; gossip separates the best of friends.*

Proverbs 16:27-28 NLT

Everything you say must be _____,
but everything that's true does not need to be _____.

2. Am I making _____ matters _____?

Whoever shows contempt for his neighbor lacks sense, but a man with understanding keeps silent. A gossip goes around revealing a secret, but a trustworthy person keeps a confidence.

Proverbs 11:12-13

Make your case with your opponent without revealing another's secret; otherwise, the one who hears will disgrace you, and you'll never live it down.

Proverbs 25:9

3. Am I _____ other to gossip?

Wrongdoers eagerly listen to gossip; liars pay close attention to slander.

Proverbs 17:4 NLT

TWO RULES:

1. I'll talk about somebody else who's not there when I'm saying something _____ that I would also say in front of them.
2. Everyone involved in the conversation has to be there to _____ the other person.

Your Words _____

I tell you that on the day of judgment people will have to account for every careless word they speak. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.

Matthew 12:36-37

* All scriptures from HCSB unless otherwise noted