

# Gossip

## What It Is and What It Is Not



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### **To Define Gossip:**

**As a noun: Small talk or chatter about someone, often about things heard from others, but not known to be a fact. ( Webster's New World Dictionary Handbook: The Elementary Edition).**

**Telling news whether truth or lie if with malice to injure or for personal gratification or revenge Is Never Good, or Profitable!**

**Early churches talked openly about problems. Penciled it in their minutes, and it was there for a record. Often recorded on microfilm and placed in libraries for public record.**

**We as churches should never do anything that we care for the world knowing.**

**Matt: 5:37 Let your communication be: Yea, Yea; Nay, Nay. For whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.**

**When talking openly about a person or church, we should ask ourselves: Is it profitable for the kingdom of Christ?**

**Sometimes people, even churches, make mistakes. 1 Tim. 5:20 Them that sin, rebuke before all that others also may fear. (elders)**

**1 Tim. 5:1 Rebuke not an elder, but treat him as a father, and the younger men as brethren.**

**Respect them that are due respect and honor them that labor for the kingdom sake.**

What about others that dishonor themselves, that bring shame to the church? Should not we warn the church? Let us look into the word of God, The Holy Bible.

111 John v.9-11 Di-ot-re-phes- Name meaning nurtured by love, "Spoiled"

He loved authority or presidency. Recognition. He would not give respect to the Apostolical Authority, by honoring or respecting them.

Was John Guilty of Gossip? No

II Timothy 4:14-18 Al-ex-Ander the coppersmith. This Alexander is possible the same in Act 19-33 or Tim. 1-20. To whom the Apostle was under obligation to excommunicate so that the gospel could have free course. The apostle was a good watchman. Ezek 3:17-21

II Tim. 2-16. Paul warns of false teachers. Hy-me-naeus and Phi-le-tus giving their names.

II Tim. 3-6 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine. For reproof, for correction, for instruction and righteousness.

How about wreckless malicious gossip?

There is a definition for that:

1. Telling news whether truth or lie. The one that carries a lie is just as guilty as the one that started the lie.

#### God Hates Gossip

- A. Exodus 20: 1-17 v.16 Thou shall not bear false witness against thy neighbor
- B. Prov. 6:16-19 Proud look lying tongue
- C. Rom 1:28-32 V. 29 Whisperers

Isa. 43: 1-3

- A. We can walk through deep water, but don't break dam to drown others. Exodus 14-21 sea Joshua 4-18
- B. We can walk through fire unhurt.
- C. We can suffer pain if God helps us.
- D. We can handle a Lie told on us and suffer that pain when God helps.

But if his children inflict pain by telling a lie, they will have to suffer that pain.

Prov. 26-27 Heb. 12:6

Whose diggeth a pit shall fall therein and he that rolleth a stone, it will return upon him.

Gossip What It Is- It Is Never Good  
What It Is Not- It is Never Profitable

Word from wise Solomon:

Prov. 26:20

Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out. So where is no talebearer? The strife ceaseth.

Prov. 26:24

He that hateth dissembleth with his lips. Had we as the children of God rather be on the constructive team? To build up a man or a church, or do we claim to be his children and tear down to destroy?

Psm. 19:14

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.