

## Defilement of an Evil Report Wednesday, October 12, 2016

### An evil report and unguarded tongue can wreak havoc!

And evil report includes: gossip, slander, rumors. It also is unauthorized reports and distorted facts.

An evil report is an incomplete report that causes the hearer to come to inaccurate conclusions and to respond with wrong solutions.

An evil report can be total truth revealed with evil motivation.

Why? So that you take up their offense against another person as your own.

What I am doing is manipulating a person to join me in my conflict with another – in that process I am abusing that person and sinning against Jesus.

1. Ignorance : If I don't know, I won't stay away.
2. Exposure : Once in contact, I'm vulnerable.
3. Contamination – ILLNESS: (defilement) It is in me, part of me. I start to demonstrate symptoms.
4. Infection : I become a host.
5. Disease : Destruction of life-giving functions.

#### 1. **IGNORANCE**

Ignorance is not being aware of the destructive power of untrue or slanted words.

- A. Ignorance of the power of words to destroy relationships.  
Proverbs 17:9 – “Whoever fosters love covers over an offense, but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends.”
- B. Ignorance of what constitutes an evil report.

1. Intent
2. The type of information shared

C. Ignorance of how evil reports are transmitted.

D. Ignorance of who gives evil reports:

- Whisperer (Psalm 31:13; 41:7)
- Gossip (Proverbs 11:13, 26:22; Romans 1:29; 2 Cor 12:20)
- Slanderer (Proverbs 10:18, Matthew 15:19)
- Busy-body (2 Thessalonians 3:11; 1 Peter 4:15)

E. Ignorance of what motivates an evil report.

- Bitterness
- Retribution
- Deception
- Guilt
- Jealousy
- Superiority
- Acceptance
- Control
- Pride

F. Ignorant of how susceptible we are to evil reports.

G. Ignorance of how Satan uses evil reports.