



## REAL MOMENTUM Bible Study

*A Man and His Mouth*

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**James 3:5-6**, Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. See how great a forest a little fire kindles! <sup>6</sup> And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell.

**Gossip** – trivial talk, often involving personal or sensational rumors.

**Proverbs 18:21**, Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

1. Gossip is not always malicious; it is w\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Gossip is never isolated. Even if gossip begins in innocence, it becomes m\_\_\_\_\_.
3. Gossip d\_\_\_\_\_.
4. Gossip builds up the perpetrator by tearing down the v\_\_\_\_\_.
5. In the eyes of God, gossip is as bad as m\_\_\_\_\_.
6. Murder attacks the body, gossip attacks the s\_\_\_\_\_.
7. God hates gossip in the c\_\_\_\_\_, in all forms.

**Proverbs 6:16-19**, These six *things* the Lord hates, yes, seven are an abomination to Him: <sup>17</sup> A proud look, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, <sup>18</sup> A heart that devises wicked plans, feet that are swift in running to evil, <sup>19</sup> A false witness who speaks lies, and one who sows discord among brethren.

**Proverbs 6:12-15**, A worthless person, a wicked man, walks with a perverse mouth; <sup>13</sup> He winks with his eyes, he shuffles his feet, he points with his fingers; <sup>14</sup> Perversity is in his heart, he devises evil continually, he sows discord. <sup>15</sup> Therefore his calamity shall come suddenly; suddenly he shall be broken without remedy.

8. A gossip cannot keep a s\_\_\_\_\_.

**Proverbs 11:13**, A talebearer [a gossip goes around] reveals secrets, but he who is of a faithful spirit conceals a matter.

**Proverbs 10:18**, Whoever hides hatred has lying lips, and whoever spreads slander [defaming, evil report] is a fool.

9. A gossip derives his worth from your p\_\_\_\_\_.

**Proverbs 18:8**, The words of a talebearer are like tasty trifles, and they go down into the inmost body.

10. Gossip is an addict's f\_\_\_\_\_.

**Proverbs 26:20**, Where *there is* no wood, the fire goes out; and where *there is* no talebearer, strife ceases.

11. Gossip is a knife in a f\_\_\_\_\_ hand.

**Proverbs 26:24-25**, He who hates, disguises *it* with his lips, and lays up deceit within himself; <sup>25</sup> When he speaks kindly, do not believe him, for *there are* seven abominations in his heart;

**Proverbs 16:28**, A perverse man sows strife, and a whisperer separates the best of friends.

**Proverbs 20:19**, He who goes about as a talebearer reveals secrets; therefore do not associate with one who flatters with his lips.

12. A gossip is not m\_\_\_\_\_. A gossip should never be a teacher. Give a gossip no power, no position, because he will abuse the privilege by sharing secrets entrusted to those in leadership.

13. In James 3, God places the responsibility of stopping the spread of gossip on those who hear it and hear a\_\_\_\_\_ it.

**James 5:19-20**, Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, <sup>20</sup> let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save [a](#) soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.

14. If you do not confront the gossip with his sin in a loving but firm manner, God holds you r\_\_\_\_\_.

Maybe you have the question...

How do we stop a gossip who is already a teacher, a pastor, or leader?

*You must address them and confront the issue, because their responsibility and position means that they will face a stricter judgment.*

15. S\_\_\_\_\_ the gossip the moment you sense he is sharing something that does not involve you.

Gently say the information is none of your business. Yes, they will be insulted. Yes, they will become angry at you. Yes, it is even possible that they will begin to gossip about you. **But it is worth rescuing them from their sin.**

16. Gossip is a disease that affects the victim, infects the participant, and spreads malignantly through your church like a f\_\_\_\_\_.

17. The tongue is capable of disrupting e\_\_\_\_\_.

18. The tongue can i\_\_\_\_\_ all of our worst passions of lust, envy, hatred, malice, and murder and given reign... to all kinds of resulting evils.

19. **Ephes. 4:29**, Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

20. **Matthew 12:36**, But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment.