



What is the thing that destroys us
and by extension the church?

EVANGELISM

Answer

Our Words

Our Mouth

Our Sayings

Our Professions

Our Declarations



TEXT

Proverbs 6:12-15 (TEV)

V12. Worthless, wicked people go around **telling lies**.

V13. They wink and **make gestures to deceive you**,

V14. all the while **planning evil** in their perverted minds, stirring up trouble everywhere.

V15. Because of this, disaster will strike them without warning, and they will be fatally wounded.

Lying

Definition:

“A Lie is an intentional violation of the truth”

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What Does the Bible Say about Lying?

Proverbs 12:19 & 22 (NIV)

19 Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue lasts only a moment.

22 The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in men who are truthful.

Revelation 21:27

Revelation 22:15

Gossip

Definition

“A person who spreads rumors or idle, fruitless tales”

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What Does the Bible Say About Gossip?

Proverbs 26:20 (NKJV)

“Where there is no wood, the fire goes out; And where there is no talebearer, strife ceases”

1 Tim 4:7 (NIV)

“7 Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, train yourself to be godly”

Slander

SLANDER is when someone malicious talk about or to another person with the intention to damage or destroy another person

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What does the Bible Say about Slander?

Proverbs 10:18 *(NKJV)*

“He who hides hatred with lying lips, and he who speaks a slander, is a fool”

Psalms 140:11 *(NKJV)*

“Let not a slanderer be established in the earth; Let evil hunt them to overthrow him”

Conclusion

Eph 4:29-32

29 Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.

30 And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he has identified you as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption.

31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior.

32 Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

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Application Prayer

Psalms 19:14 (NKJV)

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation
of my heart

Be acceptable in Your sight,

O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.