

WHAT'S WRONG WITH GOSSIP?





ROMANS 1:28

Romans 1:28 “Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done.

ROMANS 1:29



1:29 They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, and malice. They are gossips,



ROMANS

1:30-31

1:30 Slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant, and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless.

ROMANS 1:31-32

they are senseless,
faithless, heartless,
ruthless. 1:32 Although
they know God's righteous
decree that those who do
such things deserve death,
they not only continue to
do these things but also
approve of those who
practice them.”



PROVERBS 18:8 (THE MESSAGE)

Listening to gossip
is like eating cheap
candy; do you
really want junk
like that in your
belly?



Old Irish Saying

“WHO
GOSSIPS
WITH YOU
WILL
GOSSIP OF
YOU”



Jewish Proverb



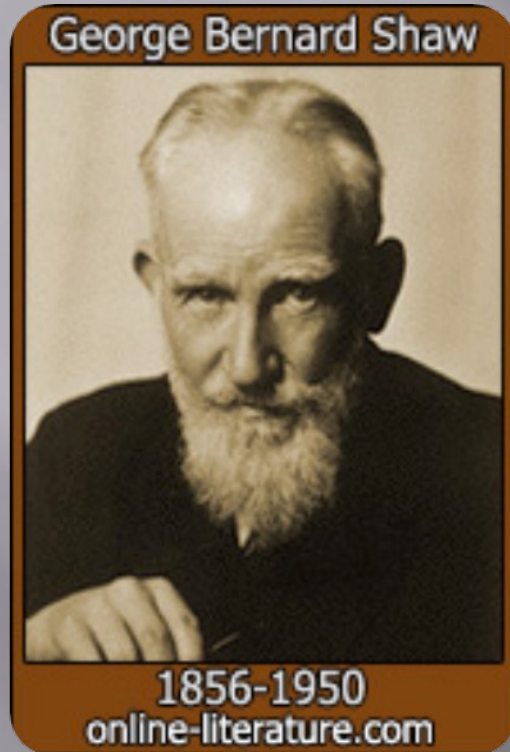
“What you don't
see with your
eyes, don't
witness with
your mouth.”

Chinese Proverb

**“What is told in
the ear of a man is
often heard 100
miles away.”**

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George Bernard Shaw



“The things most people want to know about are usually none of their business.”

Aretha Franklin



- ▣ Friends of the Queen of Soul all say, “I have never heard her say anything bad about another singer.”

Biblical Warnings Concerning Gossip

- ▣ Exodus 20:16 You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
- ▣ Leviticus 19:16 Do not go about spreading slander among your people.

Biblical Warnings Concerning Gossip

- ▣ Psalm 34:13 Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking lies.
- ▣ Psalm 101:5 Whoever slanders his neighbor in secret, him will I put to silence; whoever has haughty eyes and a proud heart, him will I not endure.

Proverbs 11: 9;13

- ▣ • With his mouth the godless destroys his neighbor, but through knowledge the righteous escape... A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy man keeps a secret.

Proverbs 12:6, 20:19

- ▣ **The words of the wicked lie in wait for blood, but the speech of the upright rescues them.**
- ▣ **Proverbs 20:19 A gossip betrays a confidence; so avoid a man who talks too much.**

Proverbs 26:20–21

- ▣ Without wood a fire goes out; without gossip a quarrel dies down. As charcoal to embers and as wood to fire, so is a quarrelsome man for kindling strife.

1 Timothy 3:10-11

- ▣ They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons. In the same way, their wives[a] are to be women worthy of respect, not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything.

James 3:5-6

- ▣ The tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

James 4:11

- ▣ Brothers, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against his brother or judges him speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it.

My Name Is...

I am a direct descendant of the father of lies.

I have no respect for justice.

I maim without killing.

I break hearts and ruin lives.

I am cunning and malicious and I gather strength with age.

The more I am quoted, the more I am believed.

My Name Is...

The more I am quoted, the more I am believed.

My victims are helpless. They cannot protect themselves against me because I have no name and no face.

To track me down is impossible. The harder you try, the more elusive I become.

My Name Is...

I am nobody's friend.

Once I tarnish a reputation, it is never the same.

I topple governments and wreck marriages.

I ruin careers and cause sleepless nights, heartaches, and indigestion.

I make innocent people cry in their pillows.

My Name Is Gossip

I make headlines and
headaches.

Even my name
hisses.

am called
Gossip.



Greek Scholar Godet



The Greek scholar Godet describes a gossip as “someone who pours out his poison by whispering in our ears.”

Lesson Outline

I. The Seriousness of Gossip

• Romans 1:28-32

II. The Source of Gossip

Conclusion:

The Solution for Gossip