

## ***“What the Bible Says about Gossip”***

### ***Selected Scriptures***

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#### **1. What is gossip?**

Speaking about others behind their backs  
Inappropriately (Proverbs 16:27-28).

#### **2. What does God think of gossip?**

He hates it (Proverbs 6:16, 19).

#### **3. What are the fruits of gossip?**

The distortion of truth, the circumventing of justice, and division among brethren (Proverbs 10:18; 18:17; 17:9).

**4. Who are you like when you gossip?**

A fool, the wicked and Satan (Proverbs 10:18; 17:4; Revelation 12:10).

**5. How should Christians talk?**

With thankfulness to God, (1 Thessalonians 5:18), to edify others (Ephesians 4:29-5:2), and realistically about themselves (Romans 12:3; 16).