

EMPLOYERS FOR CHRIST: GOSSIPING AND SLANDERING PEOPLE

Definition: To spread rumors or secrets, speak about someone maliciously behind their back or repeat something about someone else that you have no right to repeat.

KEY POINT: GOD COMMANDS US NOT TO GOSSIP AND SLANDER PEOPLE

Lefitiko 19:16 / Ulevitikusi 19:16 / Leviticus 19:16 “You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the Lord.”

KEY POINT: THE OUTCOME OF GOSSIP IS CONFLICT AND LOST FRIENDSHIPS

Diema 16:28 / Izaga 16:28 / Proverbs 16:28 “A perverse person stirs up conflict, and a gossip separates close friends.”

KEY POINT: THE OUTCOME OF GOSSIP IS BETRAYED CONFIDENCE

Diema 20:19 / Izaga 20:19 / Proverbs 20:19 “A gossip betrays a confidence; so avoid anyone who talks too much.”

KEY POINT: THE OUTCOME OF GOSSIP IS DAMAGE TO YOUR CHRISTIAN RELIGION

Jakobo 1:26 / EkaJakobe 1:26 / James 1:26 “Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless.”

KEY POINT: GOD COMMANDS US TO LOVE EACH OTHER

Mareka 12:31 / NgokukaMarku 12:31 / Mark 12:31 “The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”

KEY POINT: WAYS TO AVOID GOSSIP AND SLANDERING

1. Do not associate yourself with one who is a known gossip
2. When someone starts to gossip — change the subject
3. If you are not part of the problem or part of the solution, stay out of it
4. If you have fallen into the bad habit of gossiping — ask God to change your heart
5. When you have been the victim of gossip — confront the parties that spread the rumour in love

REMEMBER:

1. God commands us not to gossip and slander people
2. The outcome of gossip is conflict and lost friendships
3. The outcome of gossip is betrayed confidence
4. The outcome of gossip is damage to your Christian religion
5. God commands us to love each other
6. Ways to avoid gossip and slandering