Why Is Gossip Wrong?

Tearing down a person's character is not the godly thing to do. Often times, the person being slandered isn't present and cannot even defend themselves.

GOSSIP IS WRONG BECAUSE:

1) The Bible Tells Us Not To Do It.

   Titus 3:2 - "To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men."

   Ephesians 4:31 - "Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you with all malice."

   James 4:11 - "Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law..."

   I Peter 2:1 - "Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings."

   Ephesians 4:29 - "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth..."

2) We're Not Suppose To Judge.

   Matthew 7:1 - "Judge not, that ye be not judged."

   (Read: Matthew 7:2-5)

   Romans 14:13 - "Let us not therefore judge one another any more..."

   I Corinthians 4:5 - "Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts..."
3. It Causes Others To Have Negative Opinions About Someone Before They Get To Know Them.


Verse #13 - "I (Ananias) have heard ..."

Note: What Ananias had heard about Saul (now Paul), was true from his past. What Ananias didn't consider was, Paul truly had a life-changing transformation from Jesus, Himself.

We need to give others 'slack' because everyone is made in the image of God. Whether saved or not, each of us are a work in progress for good or evil. How do you know that vulgar, reprobate sinner, may get saved and change his/her world for Christ?


Note: IF THEY GOSSIP TO YOU - Then THEY WILL GOSSIP ABOUT YOU!

Don't listen to gossip.

Proverbs 11:13 - "...he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter."

Proverbs 20:19 - "...meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips."

5. It Grieves The Holy Spirit.

I Thessalonians 5:19 - "Quench not the Spirit."

James 3: 9 & 10.

6. It Opens The Door For Demonic Activity In Your Life.

John 10:10 - "The thief cometh not, but for to kill, steal and to destroy..."

Satan is using you as a tool in his hands to destroy (or tear down) someone else's character or reputation.

DON'T let the demonic world get by with
anything in your precious life.

God is not into gossip, neither should you be.

Again, gossip tears down and can even destroy another's reputation.

I John 3:8 - "For this purpose was the Son of God manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil."

Note: Jesus not only wants us to THINK on things that are pure and lovely (Phil. 4:4-8), but to SPEAK on things that are of a good report.

Colossians 4:6 - "Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt…"

Philippians 3:20 - "...for our conversation is in heaven ..."

James 3:13 - "Shew out of a good conversation ..."

I Peter 1:18 - "Redeemed from vain conversation ..."

7. You May Need The Favor Someday, Of That One You Are Tempted To Criticize.

Example: Someone else gets that promotion or raise instead of you. Maybe it's because you've gossiped about your boss at work. God is keeping track, even if the boss never finds out.

II Samuel 16: 5 - 14. (Shimei curses King David).

II Samuel 19: 16 - 23. (Shimei asks for pardon. David grants it, but only during King David's lifetime).

I Kings 2: 8 & 9. (Then Shimei's life will be at the mercy of David's son, the new heir to the throne, King Solomon. The new king will eventually have Shimei killed because of his words and negative attitude he had to King David, Solomon's father).

Shimei's critical, judgmental spirit cost him his very life!

Remember point #6 - demonic activity.
Don’t let the devil have one single inch into your life. YOU have a choice. YOU have the ability to speak positive affirmations over your life, and the lives of your loved ones. Don’t make the wrong choice of gossip. You’ll someday regret it.

It’s the Bible principle - What you do for others, will come back to you. If you don’t want others gossiping about you, then choose not to gossip about them.

If you live the Bible way, God will fight your battles for you. (Exodus 14:14) You don’t have to fight those battles by gossiping about others….let God fight your battles for you. Don’t tear others down when they hurt you or speak evil about you. Rejoice, you are counted worthy to suffer for His sake. (Acts 4:41)

CLOSING REMARKS: The next time you are tempted to gossip, remember the consequences that could happen to you. Think of what the Word says - "Do unto others, as you would have others do unto you." (Matthew 7:12)

Matthew 5:44 - "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you . . ." "If you can’t say something nice about someone, then don’t say anything at all."


Psalms 19:14.

Read: Psalms 51:1-17. Make these verses your prayer to God today. Let the Holy Spirit genuinely change your heart from a backbiter, to a tongue that controls his/her words to please and honor God.

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