

My Big Fat Mouth

“Gossip”

Encouragement from Nana “Craig started this series off good! Hope you got a good one up your sleeve! ☺

Previous weeks: Complaining, Criticizing, Lying....Today Gossip

((Bone Daddy’s))

How many of you know someone who gossips? Have heard someone gossiping?
Of course we have WHY?

Let’s look at what the Bible has to say about it....

“Rumors are dainty morsels that sink deep into one’s heart.” Proverbs 18:8

Gossip is so subtle it can just sneak up on you before you know you’re even doing it.

Like Peanut M&M’s just eat a few/whole bag(sharing size)

Gossip going around the world before the truth gets out of bed –with Social media today it is absolutely true!

((Video of Little Kids playing telephone game))

Gossip can seem ridiculous and childish ... but it’s not is it? I’m sure today there are many of you who just this have been hurt, lost a friendship, or been embarrassed by gossip.

Many times we try to disguise gossip:

- Let people know so they can be praying,
 - God already knows the prayer request, and He knows everything you’re bringing to Him. Prayer isn’t about informing God, or your friends, of something you know. No gossip needed, just trust.
- But—it’s okay to talk about if it’s true—right!

“Everything that is said should be true. Not everything true must be said.”–Craig 2x’s

“The tongue can bring death or life;” Proverbs 18:21(Quoted only)

What do you want to be known for? (not in the notes)

Who does Gossip Hurt ?

Gossip hurts the person it's spoken about .

"A troublemaker plants seeds of strife; gossip separates the best of friends." Proverbs 16:28

Maybe for you someone shared a secret crush you had on someone, personal struggle, or maybe someone shared on social media something you really wish they wouldn't have because it was embarrassing.

Should you ever find yourself the victim of other people's bitterness, smallness, or insecurities just remember it could be worse...you could be them!

Gossip hurts the listener.

"Wrongdoers eagerly listen to gossip; liars pay close attention to slander." Proverbs 17:4

Once they stop talking to you, they will start talking about you!

What you permit you promote -- Craig

Gossip hurts the speaker.

"When arguing with your neighbor, don't betray another person's secret. Others may accuse you of gossip, and you will never regain your good reputation." Proverbs 25:9-10

Talking badly about someone else when they're not around says more about you than the person you're talking about - Unknown

You would much rather be known as a person who can be trusted!

Don't invent things with your small mind and share it with your BIG MOUTH!

Am I preaching pretty good now Momma? ☺

How to control Gossip?

Guard Your Ears

How to stop Gossip with one question:
Why are you telling me this?

If that question feels a little too combative for you then ask this:

Ask: Have you spoke with _____ about this?

"If another believer sins against you, go privately and point out the offense. If the other person listens and confesses it, you have won that person back."

Matthew 18:15

Ultimately maybe you don't need to be hanging out with this person.

"A gossip goes around telling secrets, so don't hang around with chatterers." Proverbs 20:19

Close Your Mouth

"Watch your tongue and keep your mouth shut, and you will stay out of trouble."

Proverbs 21:23 NLT

Love the blunt nature of the Bible

Watch your tongue, keep your mouth shut, stay out of trouble x2

...don't just say this to your kids say it to yourself!

Would you want someone to say the same thing about you

Luke 6:31 Quoted not written

(((Girl studying at coffee shop with her friend)))

If you were engaged in this story, ask yourself why? When 10 minutes ago your mind was wondering..... because we're gossiping!

We don't know her....

We have an unhealthy desire to be better than someone else that's why we want them to be less so we can be more.

We want to be important because in our sinful nature we want them to be less so that we can be more

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The Gospel proclaims "I am weak but He is strong."

He must increase and we must decrease...
In my weakness may He be made strong...
Know who you are... fearfully wonderfully made.
Created by God for Purpose Eph 2:10
I don't need to make someone look weak so I feel better
Speak lies/Satan's native tongue
Speak Life...Jesus is the way the truth the life
Stop people who are talking about others
What if you got caught encouraging ...

What do you want to be known for?

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