

GOSSIP

IT IS FORBIDDEN:

Leviticus 19:16

One translation states gossip jeopardizes your neighbor's life.

Exodus 23:1

Gossip can also be classified as spreading false reports. Even if you do not initiate a lie, you become responsible if you pass it along.

Exodus 20:16

Gossip would fall into the category of giving false testimony against your neighbor: one of the 10 Commandments.

CAUSES FRICTION:

Proverbs 16:28

Proverbs classifies this type of individual as contrary or perverse. His speech is like a scorching fire.

GOD WARNS AGAINST ASSOCIATING WITH SUCH PEOPLE:

Proverbs 20:19

Gossiping betrays a confidence. Therefore, be careful to whom you share secrets.

OTHER NAMES REFERRING TO ONE WHO GOSSIPS:

1. A "talebearer"

Proverbs 11:13 Proverbs 20:19

2. Called "infamy" in some translations

Ezekiel 36:3

3. Called "whisperers"

Romans 1:29: The mental vacuum created by dismissing God causes all types of wickedness. Being a whisperer (gossip) is found in this list.

2 Corinthians 12:20: Some translations use this word

In this list, it refers to these as whisperings. Paul was concerned that when he came to them he would find them involved in some sinful practices. His concern was due to the wicked practices of Corinth which could invade the congregation there. We must not allow society to dictate how we treat others.

4. Called "tattlers"

1 Timothy 5:13: Paul is referring to some widows in this reference whom had been put on a list of older widows which meant they took a vow committing themselves to work for the church in exchange for financial support. Paul lists qualifications which one being they were not to be busybodies/tattlers/gossipers.