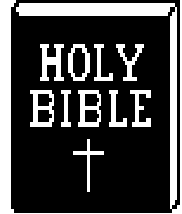


SERMON NOTES

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I. INTRODUCTION

A. Proverbs 18:21

B. Words can't break bones, but they can break hearts.

“A careless word may kindle strife;
A cruel word may wreck a life.
A bitter word may hate instill;
A brutal word may smite and kill.” – Unknown

C. Many problems have been caused in society and the church because of gossip.

D. “There may be greater sins than gossip, but there is no sin which does more damage in the Church.”¹

E. 1 Timothy 5:13. “The cognate adjective is used of persons who are ‘paying attention to things that do not concern one, meddlesome, curious.’”²

F. Gossip by any other name is still gossip!

II. GOSSIP DEFINED

A. Gossip is defined by Webster as “rumor or report of an intimate nature.”³

B. Old Testament.

1. “Tale-bearer” is from “ra[^]ki[^]yl (*raw-keel*) from ra[^]kal (*raw-kal*) . . . to *travel* for trading; a *scandal monger* (as *travelling* about).”⁴

a. “C. H. Toy says . . . literally, a *walker of slander*”⁵

b. “A talebearer or slanderer is the person who goes about from house to house hawking malicious gossip.”⁶

c. Leviticus 19:16

d. Proverbs 11:13; 20:19

e. Jeremiah 6:28. “Slanders” is from “ra[^]ki[^]yl (*raw-keel*) . . . a *scandal monger* (as *travelling* about).”