



CONVERSATION CANNIBALS PART 1

“HELLO, MY NAME IS GOSSIP AND SLANDER!”

Lesson 2

How did you use to answer: “What do you want to be when you grow up?”

“I want to be a _____!”

“For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!” Galatians 5:14-15

THE CHOICE IS CLEAR: LOVE ONE ANOTHER OR EAT ONE ANOTHER!

“Now that I’m all grown-up, I want to _____ being a Conversation Cannibal!”



DEFINITIONS

Gossip: Idle, careless chit-chat that is _____ to another person's character and reputation.

Slander: Open, intentional sharing of **bad reports** with the wrong people, in order to _____ another person's reputation behind their back.



DIFFERENCES

Gossip does _____ (but **not** harmless) damage like manslaughter.

Slander does _____ destruction like first-degree murder.



DAMAGE DONE Either way, **both victims** are _____!

LET’S GET KNOW EACH OTHER...



“HELLO, MY NAME IS _____!”

1. I’m a _____. *Proverbs 11:13*

“He who goes about as a talebearer reveals secrets, But he who is trustworthy conceals a matter.” NAS

“A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy man keeps a secret.” NIV

“A gadabout gossip can’t be trusted with a secret, but someone of integrity won’t violate a confidence.” MSG

► The person described: _____

► The problem diagnosed: _____

► The heart displayed: _____

In character: Cannot keep a promise or _____

In content: Cannot keep the _____

“An expert gossip always knows how much to leave out of a conversation!”

2. I’m a _____. *Proverbs 16:28*

“A perverse man sows strife, and a whisperer separates the best of friends.” NKJV

“A perverse man spreads strife, And a slanderer separates intimate friends.” NAS

“A perverse man stirs up dissension, and a gossip separates close friends.” NIV

“Troublemakers start fights; gossips break up friendships.” MSG

“It isn’t what they say about you, it’s what they whisper.” ~Errol Flynn

► The person described: _____

➤ The problem diagnosed: _____

➤ The heart displayed: _____ Romans 1:28-32

3. I'm a _____. Proverbs 20:19; 18:8

"He who goes about as a talebearer reveals secrets; Therefore do not associate with one who flatters with his lips." Proverbs 20:19 NKJV

"He who goes about as a slanderer reveals secrets, Therefore do not associate with a gossip." NAS

"A gossip betrays a confidence; so avoid a man who talks too much." NIV

"Gossips can't keep secrets, so never confide in blabbermouths." MSG

"The words of a talebearer are like tasty trifles, And they go down into the inmost body." Proverbs 18:8 NKJV

"The words of a whisperer are like dainty morsels, And they go down into the innermost parts of the body." NAS

"The words of a gossip are like choice morsels; they go down to a man's inmost parts." NIV

"Listening to gossip is like eating cheap candy; do you really want junk like that in your belly?" MSG

➤ The person described: _____

➤ The problem diagnosed: _____

"Who brings a tale takes two away." ~Irish Proverb

Confidante: One entrusted by A with the secrets of B confided to herself by C. ~Ambrose Bierce 1842-1914, "The Devil's Dictionary"

➤ The heart displayed: A _____ one that will separate friends.

- 1) Drives a wedge of _____ about the person being gossiped about.
- 2) Builds a barrier of _____ regarding the person who is doing the gossiping.
- 3) Gives a foothold to the _____.
- 4) Turns you into a garbage _____.
- 5) Adds fuel to the fire of _____.

☠ "HELLO, MY NAME IS _____!"

Proverbs 16:28 (gossip) "A perverse man sows strife, And a whisperer separates the best of friends." NKJV

Proverbs 16:27 (slander) "An ungodly man digs up evil, And it is on his lips like a burning fire." NKJV

1. I'm a _____. Proverbs 25:9-10; Psalms 31:13

"While they took counsel together against me, They schemed to take away my life." Psalms 31:13

2. I'm a _____. Proverbs 10:18; Romans 1:28-30; Psalm 15:1-3

"He who conceals hatred has lying lips, And he who spreads slander is a fool." Proverbs 10:18

3. I'm a _____. Proverbs 10:18

4. I'm an _____ on Satan's Team!

"Women must likewise be dignified, not **malicious gossips**, but temperate, faithful in all things." 1 Timothy 3:11

➤ When we destroy with words those who God is redeeming, we line up with the devil!

➤ Everyone is either an **accuser** like the Devil or an **advocate** like Jesus Christ!

➤ The tongue of the slander is a serial killer:

- 1) Kills the one who _____ the slander.
- 2) Kills the one who _____ to the slander.
- 3) Kills the one who is the _____ of the slander.