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GOSSIP

I am sure that all of us have things that irritate us. One thing that greatly irritates me is when people gossip. So often only part of the truth is told, and that part is not even all truth. God hates gossip.

It is listed in Proverbs 16 as one of the things that he hates. It must be quite offensive to our Heavenly Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit when members of **their** family are talked about behind their back. Gossip can destroy people, families, relationships, and Churches.

When someone wants to tell me something that is supposed to be a secret, I stop them in their tracks, and you should too. If it is a secret, then keep it a secret. I don't want to hear it! Quite often the spirit of Jezebel rises up in people and is used to destroy Godly people. Jezebel is not just about sexual sin. Jezebel is a lying, controlling and deceiving spirit. No one that loves the Lord should be involved with this kind of activity.

I have seen many people hurt because of things said behind their back. Years ago, a Pastor said to me "If they aren't talking about you, they are talking about me". How sad. We should be lifting each other up in the body of Christ and bringing life to each other. Jesus should be our example. He said things to the Religious Pharisee's face, and to the sinner. He did not talk about them behind their back. He was open with his words. If you find a brother in a fault then do what it says in Galatians 6:1-2, ***"Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual restore such a one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."*** You go alone and make things right. You don't go to social media or blab about them to someone else.

Most of you reading this know very little about me personally. I would say if you want to know me then come and talk to me. I think that is the way people should be. Someone asked me once if something was true about another Pastor and I replied, "I think you should go see this person and ask for yourself." I wasn't going to gossip.

Christians should not be found gossiping. We are to be light, and not darkness. Let's become spirit controlled with our mouths and ears and show the world that we are different than they are. Stop gossip in its tracks!