

**WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT SEVEN THINGS GOD HATES?**  
**Part Six: October 6, 2021**

**Talebearing**

- **The \_\_\_\_\_ of Talebearing**
  - What is talebearing?
- **The \_\_\_\_\_ of Talebearing**
  - How can we tell if we are talebearing?
  - What are some \_\_\_\_\_ of talebearing?
- **The \_\_\_\_\_ for Talebearing**
  - How do we deal appropriately and \_\_\_\_\_ with talebearing (whether on giving or receiving end)?

**What Is Talebearing?**

- **First word = “ \_\_\_\_\_, scandal monger”**
  - Someone who \_\_\_\_\_ an ill or unflattering report to others
    - Lev. 19:16: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
    - Prov. 20:19: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
    - Prov. 11:13: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
      - Talebearer = a \_\_\_\_\_ gossip, “gossip-walker”
      - What does he do? He reveals secrets or discloses \_\_\_\_\_ information.
    - Notice emphasis on:
      - \_\_\_\_\_
      - Transmission of confidential information
    - Does not refer to proper Biblical \_\_\_\_\_ but carrying and disclosing these “tales” to others who aren’t involved with the process of proper resolution.
      - See Matt. 18:15-16: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
      - See Prov. 25:9-10: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- **Second word = “ \_\_\_\_\_, whisperer”**
  - Someone who whispers:
    - Things that should stay secret because they could cause \_\_\_\_\_,

- embarrassment, or injury to others;
  - Things that could destroy \_\_\_\_\_ or reputations;
  - Things the person who is being talked about would not want said.
- More \_\_\_\_\_ and sinister than the first word for gossip:
  - Gossip may be practiced \_\_\_\_\_ without ill-will toward its victim(s);
  - Slander is more likely to be \_\_\_\_\_ and to proceed from a froward heart.
    - Personal vendetta, self-centered \_\_\_\_\_
  - Prov. 10:18-19: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - Prov. 18:8, 26:22: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - Prov. 26:20: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - Prov. 16:28: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - Effects = \_\_\_\_\_, strife, \_\_\_\_\_
- **Third word backbiting = “\_\_\_\_\_”**
  - Another characteristic of talebearing is that it is typically done in secret, behind the scenes, often in a very \_\_\_\_\_ manner.
    - Prov. 25:23: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
    - 1 Tim. 3:8: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
    - \_\_\_\_\_ = deceitful, two-faced, speaking with a forked tongue

**Consider Your Speech:**

- **Do you see any resemblance to your own behavior in these Biblical descriptions:**
  - A “tale-bearer”?
  - A “walking gossip”?
  - A “revealer of secrets”?
  - A “whisperer”?
  - A “slanderer”?
  - A hypocritical “hider of hatred with lying lips?”
  - A “deceitful, double-tongued, two-faced backbiter?”
- **These are the behaviors that sow the seeds of discord among brethren.**