

**WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT SEVEN THINGS GOD HATES?
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The Prescription for Talebearing: How to Deal with It

- **So far, we have learned how to avoid being the _____ of talebearing.**
 - By guarding our _____
- **But how do we avoid being the _____ of talebearing?**
 - By guarding our _____
- **How to _____ gossip, whispering, backbiting, slander, and talebearing:**
 - Don't go looking for it.
 - Don't repeat it.
 - Refuse to listen to it.
 - Express your strong disapproval when you hear it.
 - Get away from people who do it.

Don't Go Looking for It

- **Don't stick your _____ into other peoples' business to dig up _____ or hear juicy tidbits of gossip.**
 - It's _____.
 - Prov. 16:27: _____
 - It's likely to turn around and _____ you.
 - Prov. 26:17: _____
 - It's unbecoming of a _____.
 - 1 Pet. 4:15: _____
 - 1 Tim. 5:13: _____

Don't Repeat It

- **Don't _____ everything you hear.**
 - Prov. 17:9: _____
 - Don't be a "_____."
 - Prov. 15:2: _____
 - Prov. 10:19: _____

- Prov. 11:12: _____

- Prov. 15:28: _____

Refuse to Listen to It

- **If you do, you say something about _____.**
 - Prov. 17:4: _____

 - False = empty, _____
 - _____ = destructive, damaging, malicious

Express Your Strong Disapproval When You Hear It.

- **Especially for _____ slander and hurtful whispering.**
 - Prov. 25:23: _____

 - Strong disapproval will _____ up talebearing.
 - But be careful in how you apply _____ indignation!
 - Keep your focus on the behavior, not the _____.
 - Keep your focus on the offense to God’s holiness, not on the offense to _____.

Get Away from People Who Do It.

- **Sometimes, we just need to _____ away when people are talking foolishly.**
 - Prov. 14:7: _____

- **Sometimes, we may need to distance ourselves more _____ or completely from those who are prone to this behavior.**
 - Following the example of _____:
 - Psalm 101:5: _____

 - _____ = privately, secretly, behind someone’s back
 - Slandereth = to _____ the tongue against someone

In Conclusion

- **Let’s take heed to _____ admonition:**
 - 1 Cor. 15:33-34:
 - _____ = conversations, company, companionships (our friends and their talk)
 - Good manners = profitable “ _____ ” or behavior