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Gossip Hurts!



Ouch! (or Hallelujah!) Are you ready to *throw this Bible Study out* or *get excited*?

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Gossiping is a major sinful act that causes *anger, strife, division and a ripple effect of heartache*. Hang in with this study. Are you ready to discover what God says in His Word about the *danger of gossiping*? Are you ready to let God (through the Holy Spirit) guide the words that come from your mouth? Most importantly, are you ready to *renew your mind* by filling it with God's Word? Let us start with a prayer....

HEAVENLY FATHER, HELP ME TO UNDERSTAND THE DANGERS OF GOSSIP AND HELP ME TO LEARN, THROUGH YOUR WORD HOW TO WATCH WHAT COMES OUT OF MY MOUTH TO BE MORE LIKE JESUS AND LESS LIKE MY OLD WORLDLY WAY OF TALKING, IN JESUS NAME, AMEN.

- a) *As sure as the wind from the north brings rain, so a gossiping tongue causes anger.* Proverbs 25:23
- b) *A troublemaker plants seeds of strife; gossip separates the best of friends.* Proverbs 16:28
- c) *What dainty morsels rumors are-but they sink deep into one's heart.* Proverbs 18:8
- d) *Fire goes out for lack of fuel, and quarrels disappear when gossip stops.* Proverbs 26:20

1. Match the Scripture verse from above that best goes with the sentences below.

___ arguments fizzle out when one stops gossiping.

___ gossip can put a wedge between a close relationship

___ someone who gossips causes others to have a fit of rage.

___ a word of gossip can be so appealing that it can take on importance and value.

2. Put a check by the sentences below that are forms of gossip starting.

___ You ask someone to pray for you..."I need prayer for Karen to stop butting a head in line"

___ "Come here a minute. Wait till you hear what I just saw in the bathroom!"

___ Would you believe what I over heard Melissa say to the Officer!

___ Chaplain's godly words helped a lot of us in the chapel today.

___ Can you keep a secret? You are the only person I am going to share this with.

3. On the back of this paper, share some of the times when you get tempted the most to gossip. How do you feel at the time when you share gossip (appetizing

details) about someone else? How do you feel afterwards?