

Gossip and Lying

"But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account in the Day of Judgment." **Matthew 12:36.**

"Put away from yourself a perverse mouth. Put corrupt lips far from you." **Proverbs 4:24.**

"There are six things which Yahweh hates; yes, seven which are an abomination to him: arrogant eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood; a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are swift in running to mischief, a false witness who utters lies, and he who sows discord among brothers." **Proverbs 6:16-19.**

"He who hides hatred has lying lips. He who utters a slander is a fool." **Proverbs 10:18.**

"The mouth of the righteous produces wisdom, but the perverse tongue will be cut off. The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, but the mouth of the wicked is perverse." **Proverbs 10:31-32.**

"With his mouth the godless man destroys his neighbor, but the righteous will be delivered through knowledge." **Proverbs 11:9.**

"One who brings gossip betrays a confidence, but one who is of a trustworthy spirit is one who keeps a secret." **Proverbs 11:13.**

"An evil man is trapped by sinfulness of lips, but the righteous shall come out of trouble." **Proverbs 12:13.**

"He who is truthful testifies honestly, but a false witness lies." **Proverbs 12:17.**

"Truth's lips will be established forever, but a lying tongue is only momentary." **Proverbs 12:19.**

"Lying lips are an abomination to Yahweh, but those who do the truth are his delight." **Proverbs 12:22.**

"He who guards his mouth guards his soul. One who opens wide his lips comes to ruin." **Proverbs 13:3.**

"A righteous man hates lies, but a wicked man brings shame and disgrace." **Proverbs 13:5.**

"A truthful witness will not lie, but a false witness pours out lies." **Proverbs 14:5.**

"The lips of the wise spread knowledge; not so with the heart of fools." **Proverbs 15:7.**

"The heart of the righteous weighs answers, but the mouth of the wicked gushes out evil." **Proverbs 15:28.**

"A worthless man devises mischief. His speech is like a scorching fire. A perverse man stirs up strife. A whisperer separates close friends." **Proverbs 16:27-28.**

"An evildoer heeds wicked lips. A liar gives ear to a mischievous tongue." **Proverbs 17:4.**

"He who covers an offense promotes love; but he who repeats a matter separates best friends."
Proverbs 17:9.

"One who has a perverse heart doesn't find prosperity, and one who has a deceitful tongue falls into trouble." **Proverbs 17:20.**

"A fool's lips come into strife, and his mouth invites beatings. A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are a snare to his soul. The words of a gossip are like dainty morsels: they go down into a person's innermost parts." **Proverbs 18:6-8.**

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue; those who love it will eat its fruit." **Proverbs 18:21.**

"Better is the poor who walks in his integrity than he who is perverse in his lips and is a fool." **Proverbs 19:1.**

"A false witness shall not be unpunished. He who pours out lies shall not go free." **Proverbs 19:5.**

"A false witness shall not be unpunished. He who utters lies shall perish." **Proverbs 19:9.**

"That which makes a man to be desired is his kindness. A poor man is better than a liar." **Proverbs 19:22.**

"He who goes about as a tale-bearer reveals secrets; therefore don't keep company with him who opens wide his lips." **Proverbs 20:19.**

"Debate your case with your neighbor, and don't betray the confidence of another; lest one who hears it put you to shame, and your bad reputation never depart." **Proverbs 25:9-10.**

"The north wind produces rain; so a backbiting tongue brings an angry face." **Proverbs 25:23.**

"For lack of wood a fire goes out. Without gossip, a quarrel dies down." **Proverbs 26:20.**

"The words of a whisperer are as dainty morsels, they go down into the innermost parts." **Proverbs 26:22.**

"Be not called a whisperer; And lie not in wait with your tongue: For upon the thief there is shame, And an evil condemnation upon him that has a double tongue." **Sirach 5:14** (*Apocrypha*).

"A whisperer defiles his own soul, and will be hated wherever he sojourns." **Sirach 21:28** (*Apocrypha*).

"Curse the whisperer and double-tongued: For he has destroyed many that were at peace." **Sirach 28:13** (*Apocrypha*).