

2Co 12:20 “**SLANDERS** [KJV, NKJV,
“backbitings” – *katalalia*] **GOSSIP**
[KJV, “whisperings” – *psithurismos*]”

2Tim 3:3 “**MALICIOUS GOSSIPS** [KJV, “false accusers”; NKJV, “slanderers”; *diabolos*, trans. “devil” 35 out of 38 times in KJV!]”

Dan 3:8 “**brought charges against** [KJV, NKJV, “accused” - *diaballo*]” Note that the charges were **TRUE!** (v12)

Dan 6:24 “maliciously accused” See v13

Lk 16:1 “this manager was **reported** [KJV, “accused”; NKJV, “accusation was brought” - *diaballo*] to him as squandering his possessions.” **TRUE...?! vv2...8**

Eph 4:25 “Therefore, laying aside falsehood, **SPEAK TRUTH, EACH ONE of you, WITH HIS NEIGHBOR, for we are members of one another.**”

Zech 8:16,17 “**speak the truth to one another; judge with truth and judgment** for peace in your **gates**. 17
‘Also let none of you **devise evil in your heart against another**, and do not love **perjury...**”

Eph 4:31 “... **SLANDER** [KJV, NKJV, “evil speaking”; ASV, “railing” *blasphemia*]”

Note: Previous four scriptures of those who ...

- refuse to recognize apostolic authority (2Co 12)
- deny the power of godliness in their lives (2Tim 3)
- grieve the Spirit of God (Eph 4:25,31)

“GOSSIP” - - - Words are vehicles...

- Small talk, chit chat

Note: “Gossip” is not necessarily “slander.”

Warning! **Pro 10:19**

- Spreading Private, Intimate Info About Others

1 Tim 5:13 “...not merely idle, but also *GOSSIPS and BUSYBODIES, talking about things not proper to mention.*”

Cmpr: **Pro 11:13; 17:9; 20:19; 25:9-10;**

Lk 6:31; Eph 4:29

- Slander

Beware when accusing someone of “gossip”!

Fruits of Slander

- **People are destroyed**

Joseph (Gen 39:14f) ... Naboth (1 Ki 21:11-13) ... Christ crucified, Paul & Silas beaten & jailed, Stephen stoned, etc.!

- **Contention Pro 26:20**

- **HELL! Rom 1:30...32**