

Psssst!

Heard what? The ear gate is open and in comes an unbelievable story. In many cases an untrue story. Dr. Walter Wilson once said that people walk around with little signs dangling off their ears which read, “dump all dirt here,” Mark Twain said, “*A lie can travel half way around the world while the truth is still putting on its shoes.*” This is well said. Someone else jokingly said that Adam and Eve must have had a hard time making conversation when they had no one to talk about.

The tongue has killed more people than all the cars on our highways. Take note of the following quote: “*Give not thy tongue too much liberty lest it take thee prisoner.*” -Quarles. Still another quote: “*Put skid chains on the tongue.*” -Anon. An African-American woman gave her specific recipe for having many friends, she said: “*I stop and taste my words before I let them pass my teeth.*”

The devil has many darts that he is hurling at unsuspecting Christians. The dart of anger, the dart of envy, covetousness, retaliation, hurt feelings, laziness, gossip, etc. Read it in Ephesians 6:16:

“Above all taking the shield of faith wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.”

Someone a long time ago referred to “GOSSIP” as the devil’s three pronged dart. Why? Perhaps because GOSSIP...

I. DECEIVES:

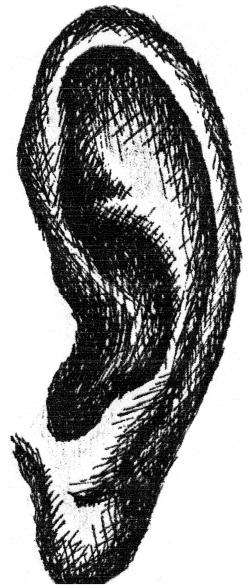
- The wicked – “...*his mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud: under his tongue is mischief and vanity.*” -Psalm 10:9
- The gossiper and listener are both to be blamed. Both have been duped by the greatest deceiver of all time – Satan. See it in 2 Corinthians 11:13-15
- The talebearer and tale-hearer need to both be hanged, one by the tongue and the other by the ears.

II. DIVIDES:

- “*A forward man sows strife and a whisperer separateth chief friends.*” -Proverbs 16:28
- A gossip is a person with a strong sense of RUMOR.

III. DESTROYS:

- “*Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.*” - Proverbs 18:21
- A tongue three inches long can kill a man six feet tall.



Have you heard?

“SET A WATCH, O LORD, BEFORE MY MOUTH; KEEP THE DOOR OF MY LIPS.” -PSALM 141:3

-Rev. Charles Svoboda



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