

Squaw Creek Baptist Church, Marion, IA.  
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SERMON OUTLINE 3/7/10

BIBLE PASSAGE: *Psalm 15*

TITLE: “THE ANATOMY OF GOSSIP”

INTRO:

1. Basic interest leads mankind into many \_\_\_\_\_ of study.
2. Do you remember your high school biology class?
3. Let’s dissect gossip today-groundless rumor and idle talk/usually of a sensational nature.
4. The Bible condemns this unrestrained, \_\_\_\_\_ chatter.

PROPOSITION: Please engage in this study. You must not gossip. Say good things to and about others OR save your words.

I. RECOGNIZE WHAT GOSSIP IS!

A. Gossip Is A Product Of The Old Nature.

1. The biblical definition of gossip is more specific...
2. Godly people \_\_\_\_\_ their tongues.

B. Gossip Is A Problem Addressed By Several Different Terms.

1. Backbiting or slander, (to tattle, to speak evil of).
  - a. *Psalm 50:19-21*.
  - b. *Proverbs 25:23*.
  - c. *Romans 1:30*.
  - d. *II Corinthians 12:19-21*.
2. Talebearers, (one who tells \_\_\_\_\_ through malicious gossip).
  - a. *Leviticus 19:15-18*.
  - b. *Proverbs 11:11-14*.
  - c. *Proverbs 16:27-30*.

- d. *Proverbs 18:6-8.*
- e. *Proverbs 26:20-26.*
- 3. Other terms: busybodies, slanderer, and evil-whisperer.  
\*Biblically-based \_\_\_\_\_ or correction must come from the pulpit or in a one on one setting.

## II. REPENT IF YOU ARE GUILTY OF GOSSIP.

### A. Go To God.

- 1. All sin is an offense \_\_\_\_\_ God, *Psalm 130:14.*
- 2. Adopt God's attitude toward sin/hatred and removal.
- 3. Confess sin, seek forgiveness, and forsake the sin,  
*I John 1:8-10.*

### B. Go To The One You Gossiped About.

- 1. Gossip by nature is \_\_\_\_\_ and harmful,  
*Ephesians 4:29-32.*
- 2. Admit your fault, ask forgiveness, and make it right with all affected, *Colossians 3:12-14.*

## III. REJECT ALL FUTURE TEMPTATION TO GOSSIP.

### A. Contemplate God's Word.

- 1. *Psalm 34:11-14.*
- 2. *Proverbs 13:3.*
- 3. *Proverbs 15:14, 7.*
- 4. *Proverbs 20:19.*
- 5. *Proverbs 21:23.*
- 6. *James 1:26.*
- 7. *James 3:6-10, 13.*

### B. Captivate Your Old Nature.

- 1. Negative side/Resist temptation.
- 2. Positive side/Dwell with God \_\_\_\_\_.

## CONCLUSION:

- 1. Are you grasping what we studied?
- 2. Will you obey God in this area?