

25 BEST BIBLE VERSES ABOUT GOSSIP



Here are 25 best Bible verses about gossip from the Old and New Testament of The Holy Bible, King James Version (KJV), New International Version (NIV), and New Living Translation (NLT).

1. Proverbs 20:19

King James Version

He that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth secrets: therefore meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips.

New International Version

A gossip betrays a confidence; so avoid anyone who talks too much.

New Living Translation

A gossip goes around telling secrets, so don't hang around with chatterers.

2. Proverbs 16:28

King James Version

A froward man soweth strife: and a whisperer separateth chief friends.

New International Version

A perverse person stirs up conflict, and a gossip separates close friends.

New Living Translation

A troublemaker plants seeds of strife; gossip separates the best of friends.

3. Proverbs 11:13

King James Version

A talebearer revealeth secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter.

New International Version

A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy person keeps a secret.

New Living Translation

A gossip goes around telling secrets, but those who are trustworthy can keep a confidence.

4. Ephesians 4:29

King James Version

Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

New International Version

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

New Living Translation

Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.

5. Proverbs 26:20

King James Version

Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out: so where there is no talebearer, the strife ceaseth.

New International Version

Without wood a fire goes out; without a gossip a quarrel dies down.

New Living Translation

Fire goes out without wood, and quarrels disappear when gossip stops.

6. Leviticus 19:16

King James Version

Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people: neither shalt thou stand against the blood of thy neighbour: I am the LORD.

New International Version

Do not go about spreading slander among your people. "Do not do anything that endangers your neighbor's life. I am the LORD."

New Living Translation

Do not spread slanderous gossip among your people. “Do not stand idly by when your neighbor’s life is threatened. I am the LORD.”

7. Proverbs 18:8

King James Version

The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.

New International Version

The words of a gossip are like choice morsels; they go down to the inmost parts.

New Living Translation

Rumors are dainty morsels that sink deep into one’s heart.

8. 1 Timothy 5:13

King James Version

And withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not.

New International Version

Besides, they get into the habit of being idle and going about from house to house. And not only do

they become idlers, but also busybodies who talk nonsense, saying things they ought not to.

New Living Translation

And if they are on the list, they will learn to be lazy and will spend their time gossiping from house to house, meddling in other people's business and talking about things they shouldn't.

9. 2 Corinthians 12:20

King James Version

For I fear, lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I would, and that I shall be found unto you such as ye would not: lest there be debates, envyings, wraths, strifes, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, tumults.

New International Version

For I am afraid that when I come I may not find you as I want you to be, and you may not find me as you want me to be. I fear that there may be discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, slander, gossip, arrogance and disorder.

New Living Translation

For I am afraid that when I come I won't like what I find, and you won't like my response. I am afraid that I will find quarreling, jealousy, anger, selfishness, slander, gossip, arrogance, and

disorderly behavior.

10. Exodus 23:1

King James Version

Thou shalt not raise a false report: put not thine hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness.

New International Version

Do not spread false reports. Do not help a guilty person by being a malicious witness.

New Living Translation

You must not pass along false rumors. You must not cooperate with evil people by lying on the witness stand.

11. James 1:26

King James Version

If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.

New International Version

Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless.

New Living Translation

If you claim to be religious but don't control your tongue, you are fooling yourself, and your religion is worthless.

12. Romans 1:29

King James Version

Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers.

New International Version

They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips.

New Living Translation

Their lives became full of every kind of wickedness, sin, greed, hate, envy, murder, quarreling, deception, malicious behavior, and gossip.

13. Psalm 34:13

King James Version

Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

New International Version

Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from

telling lies.

New Living Translation

Then keep your tongue from speaking evil and your lips from telling lies!

14. James 4:11

King James Version

Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge.

New International Version

Brothers and sisters, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against a brother or sister or judges them speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it.

New Living Translation

Don't speak evil against each other, dear brothers and sisters. If you criticize and judge each other, then you are criticizing and judging God's law. But your job is to obey the law, not to judge whether it applies to you.

15. Proverbs 10:18

King James Version

He that hideth hatred with lying lips, and he that uttereth a slander, is a fool.

New International Version

Whoever conceals hatred with lying lips and spreads slander is a fool.

New Living Translation

Hiding hatred makes you a liar; slandering others makes you a fool.

16. Psalm 101:5

King James Version

Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, him will I cut off: him that hath an high look and a proud heart will not I suffer.

New International Version

Whoever slanders their neighbor in secret, I will put to silence; whoever has haughty eyes and a proud heart, I will not tolerate.

New Living Translation

I will not tolerate people who slander their neighbors. I will not endure conceit and pride.

17. Proverbs 26:22

King James Version

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New International Version

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New Living Translation

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18. Proverbs 6:16-19

King James Version

These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: a proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, a false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

New International Version

There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies and a person who stirs up conflict in the community.

New Living Translation

There are six things the Lord hates— no, seven things he detests: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that kill the innocent, a heart that plots evil, feet that race to do wrong, a false witness who pours out lies, a person who sows discord in a family.

19. Proverbs 21:23

King James Version

Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.

New International Version

Those who guard their mouths and their tongues keep themselves from calamity.

New Living Translation

Watch your tongue and keep your mouth shut, and you will stay out of trouble.

20. Titus 3:2

King James Version

To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.

New International Version

To slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and always to be gentle toward everyone.

New Living Translation

They must not slander anyone and must avoid quarreling. Instead, they should be gentle and show true humility to everyone.

21. Proverbs 17:9

King James Version

He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth very friends.

New International Version

Whoever would foster love covers over an offense, but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends.

New Living Translation

Love prospers when a fault is forgiven, but dwelling on it separates close friends.

22. Proverbs 11:9

King James Version

A hypocrite with his mouth destroyeth his neighbour: but through knowledge shall the just be delivered.

New International Version

With their mouths the godless destroy their neighbors, but through knowledge the righteous

escape.

New Living Translation

With their words, the godless destroy their friends, but knowledge will rescue the righteous.

23. Proverbs 17:4

King James Version

A wicked doer giveth heed to false lips; and a liar giveth ear to a naughty tongue.

New International Version

A wicked person listens to deceitful lips; a liar pays attention to a destructive tongue.

New Living Translation

Wrongdoers eagerly listen to gossip; liars pay close attention to slander.

24. Proverbs 25:23

King James Version

The north wind driveth away rain: so doth an angry countenance a backbiting tongue.

New International Version

Like a north wind that brings unexpected rain is a sly tongue—which provokes a horrified look.

New Living Translation

As surely as a north wind brings rain, so a gossiping tongue causes anger!

25. Psalm 141:3

King James Version

Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.

New International Version

Set a guard over my mouth, LORD; keep watch over the door of my lips.

New Living Translation

Take control of what I say, O LORD, and guard my lips.

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