

## *Talking Like A Child Of God"?*

Communication is a wonderful gift given to us by God. Think about it. This is something that took place before the existence of man. God is the creator! So when you think about communication from God, it cannot be nothing but pure. You see it is a blessing. Now I am aware that one will say, "God has communicated about destroying people" and He did just that, but did we bring it on ourselves? God does not speak negative! He speaks the truth at all times; even when we do negative things against His will, He still speaks the truth.

Today I want to talk to you about the negative communication that comes from our very mouths that our Father has blessed us with. First, let me address what is called **lying**. When a person does not tell the truth, they are known to be liars. Why do people lie? Self-gratification or glory. It becomes a way of life when one practice's this very negative habit. Afraid they might be in trouble if the truth is revealed about them. Not conscious of the fact that God knows the truth. So we find ourselves trying to please or justify a lie to man who will most of the time persecute instead of edifying, by giving the guilty party correction and encouragement. In **Proverbs 12:22** God speaks on how much He hates lying. In **Ephesians 4:25**, how much we hurt ourselves by lying. In **Colossians 3:9-10**, God tells us that lying is not Christ like. In **Revelation 22:15**, we are reminded that the dishonest will not be allowed in the city of God. If we claim to be Christians and we don't obey, God tells us that we are liars (**1 John 2:4**). The bible says in **1 John 1:9** that God will forgive the sincere heart.

Second, we must stop **gossiping**! Gossiping tears down relationships and is as harmful and lasting as physical wounds. Gossip is not truth, but instead information based on rumors. The following scriptures tells us what God has to say about gossiping. (**Exodus 23:1**; **Proverbs 25:18**; **Proverbs 16:28**; **Proverbs 11: 13 and 2 Thessalonians 3:11-12**)

The apostle James tells us in the book of **James 3:10**, that we bless and curse our fellow brothers and sisters with the same tongue! People today will smile in your face and stab you in the back at the same time. Unfortunately, a lot of this activity is going on with the church and the unbelievers are watching this. If you have a problem with a fellow brother or sister, go to them in love and address the issue. Do not go angry because you may say something you cannot take back. If the party is found guilty of a sin, **Galatians 6:1-5** tells us how to approach the sinner. We are not to speak down or negative to people. Instead, we are called to speak with kindness and gentleness. We are to talk like a child of God.

### SCRIPTURE READING

GALATIANS 5:22-26

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

If a person will talk about somebody to you, they will talk about you to somebody else.

