

HOT LIPS
{GOSSIP & TALEBEARING}
{PROVERBS 16:27-28}

- There is a difficulty in controlling the tongue {**James 3:1-12**}
- There is ALWAYS a way to escape temptation {**1 Cor 10:13**}

Gossip sows strife {**vs 28; 2 Thes 3:11; 1 Tim 5:13**}

- Only bad things come from gossip
- It is a disorderly and sinful life

Is it gossip? Consider these questions...

I - How do I know it is true? {**Deut 13:12-14, 17:1-5; Prov 12:17-22; Eph 4:25**}

II - Do I have to violate a confidence to tell it? {**Prov 11:13; Rom 1:28-32**}

III - What good will it be for the listener? {**Prov 18:8, 20:19; 26:22-23; Eph 4:29**}

IV - Am I the one who should be carrying this information? {**1 Pet 4:15**}

V - What are my motives for telling? {**Prov 12:18; Eph 4:15**}