

Developing a Tongue that does not Gossip

II Corinthians 12:20

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- **In our text, the apostle Paul bemoans the fact that when he comes for a visit to the church in Corinth, he might find a problem among the brethren with gossip.**
- **This evening, we are going to define gossip and make several points on the subject.**
- **Gossip is “idle chatter, can be slander.”**

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THE GOLDEN RULE

- **Matt. 7:12**

Who wants to be the target of gossip?

- **Who wants to have their dirty laundry on display for everyone to see?**

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WHAT THIS SAYS ABOUT ME AND MY HEART

- I Cor. 13:6
- Matt. 12:34
- Col. 3:12-14

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THE DESTRUCTIVE POWER OF GOSSIP

- **II Cor. 12:20**
- **James 3:5-6**
- **Illus. Feathers on the Doorsteps**

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THE CONSEQUENCES OF GOSSIP

- **Matt. 12:36-39**
- **I Peter 3:16**
- **Rom. 1:30-32**

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WHAT IS PROPER AND CONSTRUCTIVE COMMUNICATION

- Eph. 4:29-32
- Conclusion: