

*"Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall." Proverbs 16:18 KJV*



We must constantly be wary of gossip. It is the height of pride and haughtiness to point out another believer's faults to others. Have you have set yourself and your opinions up as the standard in place of the righteousness of God? Do you excuse it as avoiding evil, warning others, or disguise it as a "prayer request?" No one is beyond sin or forgiveness. Are you so sinless? Have you walked in their shoes? Lived their hardships? God knows it all, even you. *"For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?"* It is nothing short of self-promotion and indirect boasting to portray another as less than yourself. *"Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves."* If you observe a brother in trespass, it is written what you must do. Talk TO them not ABOUT them. *"Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Moreover, if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother."* Are not all saints children of the Father? Is not Father all knowing and omnipresent? What makes you think that you are better equipped to deal with a brother or sister than God? *"Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? To his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand."* God can and will deal with each saint on a personal level. *"For whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth."* Charity, affection, and kindness are the earmarks of a Christian. *"Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another."* How in the world can you justify talking about someone's faults to another in light of scripture? Yes, we are all guilty and it should prick our hearts severely when we catch ourselves in the act. To persist in it when we know better, invites God's wrath upon our own heads. *"Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."* If you talk about others, others will talk about you! Be cautious of how you speak of others. It may broker hardship or trial in your own life.

Before a fall comes prideful sin;  
To fault another with a grin,  
And never see my own deceits,  
Will bring destruction which is meet. ~CGP

There are many haughty wicked men in the world who think themselves above others and plan the conquest and demise of all those they consider inferior. They only heap bitterness and wrath upon their own heads and their families. Pity them. Do not fear them. No secret will be unrevealed and no evil unpunished when the KING of Glory sits and rules with a *"rod of iron. Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known."* Jesus is the KING of Glory!

*"If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." Romans 12:18-21 KJV*

