

“When Words Are Many: Blessing or Cursing?” (Part 3)
Proverbs 10:18-21

“The words of a whisperer (a gossip) are like delicious morsels; they go down into the inner parts of the body.” (Proverbs 18:8). “Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body.” (Proverbs 16:24; cf. Proverbs 10:20-21)

“Whoever goes about slandering reveals secrets, but he who is trustworthy in spirit keeps a thing covered.” (Proverbs 11:13). “Whoever keeps his mouth and his tongue keeps himself out of trouble.” (Proverbs 21:23). “A prudent man conceals knowledge, but the heart of fools proclaims folly.” (Proverbs 12:23). “Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD, but those who act faithfully are His delight.” (Proverbs 12:22)

- Slander & Gossip:
 - **The Severity of Gossip and Slander:** *“They are gossips, slanderers, haters of God....Though they know God’s righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.” (Romans 1:29-32)*
 - **The Community Killers:** *“For I fear that perhaps when I come I may find you not as I wish....that perhaps there may be quarreling, jealousy, anger, hostility, slander, gossip, conceit, and disorder.” (2 Corinthians 12:20)*
 - **What is gossip?** *Gossip is sharing information about someone’s sins and/or failures or positions to those who have no need to know without the permission of the person that the information is about.*
 - *“Besides that, they learn to be idlers, going about from house to house, and not only idlers, but also gossips and busybodies, saying what they should not.” (1 Timothy 5:13)*
 - *“For lack of wood the fire goes out, and where there is no whisperer, quarreling ceases.” (Proverbs 26:20)*
 - *“A dishonest man spreads strife, and a whisperer separates close friends.” (Proverbs 16:28)*
 - **What is slander?** *Slander is lying about someone or spreading information that may not be true about someone, or twisting information about someone, with the intent of making someone look bad and/or ruining their reputation.*
 - *“Whoever slanders his neighbor secretly I will destroy.” (Psalm 101:5; cf. Proverbs 10:18)*
 - *“Whoever goes about slandering reveals secrets; therefore do not associate with a simple babblers.” (Proverbs 20:19)*
 - *“(The LORD hates) a false witness who breathes out lies, and one who sows discord among brothers.” (Proverbs 6:19)*

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** Please see the March Newsletter for more information about our monthly collection.

★**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH:** We are having a Fellowship Lunch THIS Sunday, March 8th, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the table in the Entryway, please sign up to bring something for the meal. Everyone is invited to stay to enjoy the food and the fellowship with us!

★**DAY LIGHT SAVING TIME STARTS:** Don't forget that we lose an hour this Sunday, as our clocks "Spring Forward" on Sunday, March 8th!

★**"IN HONOR/IN MEMORY OF" EASTER LILIES:** The Servant's Heart Ministry is sponsoring an Easter Lily Sale again this year. Please consider purchasing an Easter Lily and dedicate your Lily in honor of or in memory of a loved one. The Easter Lilies will adorn the sanctuary for both the Good Friday and Easter Sunday services. Your purchased Lilies can be retrieved following the Easter Sunday service. The cost is \$11 for a 6 inch potted Lily. Order forms will be available on Sunday. ***Please note: we are requesting that the Lilies be paid for in CASH only! No checks or Venmo payments can be accepted for payment of the Lilies.*** There will be envelopes available for you to put the cash in and place into the giving box. If you have any questions, please see Janelle Gordon.

★**ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:** On Sunday, March 22nd, we will be celebrating our 9th Anniversary as a Church!

★*For all other announcements, please see the March Newsletter!*