

MY BIG FAT MOUTH

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Gossiping

⁸ Rumors are dainty morsels that sink deep into one's heart.

Proverbs 18:8 (NLT)

Who Does Gossip Hurt?

- Gossip hurts the _____ it's _____ about.

²⁸ A troublemaker plants seeds of strife; gossip separates the best of friends.

Proverbs 16:28 (NLT)

- Gossip hurts the _____

⁴ Wrongdoers eagerly listen to gossip; liars pay close attention to slander.

Proverbs 17:4 (NLT)

- Gossip hurts the _____

⁹ When arguing with your neighbor, don't betray another person's secret. ¹⁰ Others may accuse you of gossip, and you will never regain your good reputation.

Proverbs 25:9-10 (NLT)

How to Control Gossip

- Guard your _____

¹⁵ "If another believer sins against you, go privately and point

out the offense. If the other person listens and confesses it, you have won that person back. **Matthew 18:15 (NLT)**

¹⁹ A gossip goes around telling secrets, so don't hang around with chatters. **Proverbs 20:19 (NLT)**

- Close your _____

²³ Watch your tongue and keep your mouth shut, and you will stay out of trouble. **Proverbs 21:23 (NLT)**

My Next Step Today Is To...

- Meditate on and/or memorize Proverbs 21:23
- Guard my ears and close my mouth in regard to gossip.
- Set a reminder so that I'll remember - I'm going to get caught encouraging _____ this week.
- Surrender my life into the hands of God by receiving Jesus as my Savior and Lord.