

Gossip: Encourage Them to Destroy Each Other with Their Words

To: All of my young demons assigned to Christian students
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RE: The #1 Christian Sin

It is with GREAT joy that I tell you about a most excellent way to get a Christian to do our dirty, destructive work! Awesome thought— isn't it?! I mean, just the idea of getting a child of God to do potentially irreparable damage to the kingdom of God is absolutely exhilarating! And it is easier than you think my little demons of darkness. What am I talking about? GOSSIP! What is amazing is the fact that so many of these Christians are so WILLING to participate in gossip—the #1 Christian sin! (“Christian sin”—what a great pair of words—don't you agree?) Note well my disciples of death that any Christian who participates in this sin is our friend. And Satan knows we've got a lot of friends in the church today! Speaking of Satan, did you know the word “devil” literally means slanderer? When Christ-followers involve themselves in gossip and slander—they are truly acting like little “devils”! Just the thought of that makes my heart jump for hellish joy! What a rich and evil heritage we have! Now YOU must live up to that evil heritage! YOU, as an imp of Hell, must learn to effectively entice Christian students into the destructive habit of gossip. If we can get Christian students in the habit of gossiping and justifying their gossip habit, then not only will they do damage to their student ministries NOW—but we will also be able to use them LATER throughout their adulthood to cause trouble in churches all over the WORLD! So let's get on with this lesson on gossip! I can hardly wait—and besides, patience is a virtue—so I don't want to wait!

What Is Gossip and Why Is It So Delightfully Destructive?

The first step to successfully sidetracking a growing Christian with the habit of gossip is for YOU, my demons, to understand what gossip is. How can you tempt Christians to gossip and act like little devils if you don't know what gossip is? Gossip is getting Christians to share anything about someone when the act of sharing is NOT part of the solution to that person's problems. This is why gossip is so fantastically futile: Christians spend HOURS talking about other Christians—and, in most cases, all that talk will not solve the problem! Don't you love it? If Christians are so busy talking about other Christians, they will be too busy to talk to non-Christians about Christ! The good news is that NEGATIVE news spreads like a fast moving cancer in a youth ministry or church body! The results of rumors and gossip: Character and virtue are assassinated, reputations are ruined, truth is exchanged for lies, and PEOPLE ARE DESTROYED! YES! Hence, great damage is inflicted on the kingdom of God! Fortunately for us, the overwhelming majority of Christians LOVE to hear stories about others, tend to gullibly believe most of what they hear without REALLY thinking it through, and rarely, if ever, ask gossips to back up the rumors they spread with facts! But not ALL Christians are this easy to dupe and play with. Be aware that some growing, thinking Christians will try to resist the temptation to gossip! There are always a few! So HOW can YOU, as a demon of hell, slowly pull GROWING Christians into our web of destructive behavior called gossip? I'm so glad you asked!