

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT SEVEN THINGS GOD HATES?
Part Eight: November 7, 2021

The Tests of “Talebearing”: Question 3

- **How would you feel if the person you are talking about _____ in as you were speaking?**
 - Remember, the _____ tongue sows the seeds of discord.
 - Prov. 16:28: _____

 - Prov. 10:18: _____

 - Follow-up question:
 - If you think you would be comfortable saying what you are saying about a person to that person’s face, have you in fact said it to that person _____, and if not, why not?

The Tests of “Talebearing”: Question 4

- **Do you have all the _____?**
 - Often, talebearing presents a second-hand, incomplete, and distorted picture of _____.
 - Prov. 18:13: _____

 - Most talebearing is _____ because it’s not true or it misrepresents the total truth.
 - Prov. 25:18: _____

 - Talebearing is also _____ because the person under discussion is not present to defend himself, share his side of the story, or correct wrong information.
 - James 4:11-12: _____

The Tests of “Talebearing”: Question 5

- **Could what I am saying needlessly _____ someone’s good name or testimony?**
 - If so, you’re also _____ from that person.
 - Prov. 22:1: _____

 - William Shakespeare, Othello, Act 3 scene 3

- We should consider that damaging someone’s testimony also hurts the _____ of Christ.
 - Matt. 5:14, 16: _____

The Tests of “Talebearing”: Question 6

• **What are my _____ for speaking?**

- If you’re talking about someone out of a genuine _____ and concern for that person, you’re probably not talebearing.
 - 1 Cor. 13:4-6: _____
- If you’re talking about someone out of a _____-centered motive, you very well may be talebearing.
 - A love for _____, approval, or just talk
 - The desire to make yourself look _____ at others’ expense
 - The “need” to confide in a _____ ear
 - An idle _____ about other peoples’ business
 - An interest in juicy tidbits of information
 - A fascination with digging up _____
- If your words arise from _____, resentment, anger, or hatred in your heart, you’re sowing the seeds of discord for sure.
 - Malice in the heart leads to _____ on the lips (speech intended to hurt or get even).
 - 1 Pet. 2:1: _____
 - Evil _____ = slander, backbiting
 - See Eph. 4:29-32: _____