

# "Maliciously Speaking"

Selected Scriptures
Message Series: "Out of Control –
Taming the Power of the Tongue"
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Main Point: We can't <u>elevate</u> ourselves by <u>tearing others</u> <u>down</u>.

What does God's Word tell us to do about the habit of talking about others?

- **Displace** the habit
- Replace the habit

## Matthew 22:36-39

Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

## Proverbs 11:13

Whoever goes about slandering reveals secrets, but he who is trustworthy in spirit keeps a thing covered.

#### **Proverbs 16:27-28**

A worthless man plots evil, and his speech is like a scorching fire. A dishonest man spreads strife, and a whisperer separates close friends.

#### Matthew 18:15

If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.

### Proverbs 15:2-4

The tongue of the wise commends knowledge, but the mouths of fools pour out folly. The eyes of the LORD are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good. A gentle tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit.

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