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Think Before You Speak

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The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, but the mouth of the wicked what is perverse.—Proverbs 10:32

J. Vernon McGee used to say that the only exercise some Christians get is running down others and jumping to conclusions. Slander and gossip are sins that, unfortunately, are far too common in the church today. How many times have rumors been spread that are based on information that simply is not factual because a person did not take the time to look into it? The Bible says, "He who answers a matter before he hears it, it is folly and shame to him" (Proverbs 18:13).

Gossip and slander are far easier to dish out than they are to take, aren't they? Has someone ever gossiped about you? Has something ever been said about you that simply wasn't true? Proverbs 18:8 says, "The words of a talebearer are like tasty trifles, and they go down into the inmost body." Gossip is like that.

"Did you hear about this?" someone might say. So we take that tasty little trifle of information. We may swallow it easily, but in the end, it is like a wound. It hurts other people, and it can hurt us. So when we hear gossip or slander, what should we do? Here is a little acronym that we need to remember: T-H-I-N-K. Is it *true*? If it is not true, then don't repeat it. Will it *help*? Is it *inspiring*? Is it *necessary*? Is it *kind*?

Well, Greg, you might be thinking, If I applied that principle all the time, there would be a lot of things I wouldn't say.

Good. Then don't say them. You will be better for it. And so will many other people.

Prayer Requests

News and Notes

Soup Kitchen- Our next soup kitchen will be Tuesday, October 18, at 5pm. We will be serving Chili. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board.

Birthday

Tim Rudy	09/05	Noelia Salazar	09/06
	Tom Goracke	09/09	

If you birthday has been inadvertently left off this list please let Shannon know.

Those Serving

9/25/2016

Opening Prayer	Chris	Table: West	Nate
Song Leader	James	Center	Jay
Scripture Reader	Tim	East	Jim
Closing Prayer	Dave	Preacher:	Tom
Devotion:	Jose	Song Leader:	Tom

Announcements: Shane

10/2/2016

Opening Prayer	Table: West
Song Leader	Center
Scripture Reader	East
Closing Prayer	Preacher:
Devotion:	Song Leader:

Announcements:

October:	Lord's Supper:	Sidewalks:
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