

Fill out these 2 Bible study sheets and send them back and receive a notecard and envelope plus a personal response feedback sheet.

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Gossip Hurts!

Psalm 15:1,3,5^b says "Who may worship in your sanctuary, Lord? Who may enter your presence on your holy hill? ³Those who refuse to slander others or harm their neighbors or speak evil of their friends...⁵Such people will stand firm forever.

4 God promises in Psalm 15:5^b that we "will stand firm forever". What 3 things must we refuse to do?

- 1)refuse to...
- 2)refuse to...
- 3)refuse to...

5. It is a wonderful promise God gives us that by staying away from saying anything negative about others we "will stand firm forever." Wow! God is all about love.

Romans 13:10 says "Love does no harm to its neighbor" So if God doesn't want us to gossip and instead, show love to one another, how can you begin to let go of gossiping?

Put a check by the sentences below you are willing to do to keep from gossiping.

- I will be quick to listen and slow to speak.. (time to think about what Jesus would do) James 1:19,20 1 Peter 2:21
- I will pray and ask God to help me not to be tempted to gossip. Luke 22:46
- I will be quick to ask God's forgiveness when I slip up. 1 John 1:9
- I will memorize scriptures about the dangers of gossiping and the tongue. Psalm 119:11
- I will be quick to forgive others who offend me and I will stop talking about it. Mark 11:25
- I will give mercy to others so that I will get mercy when I need it. Matthew 5:7
- I will ask God to help me stay humble with a pure heart. 1 Peter 5:5-7 Psalm 51:10

6. Write a prayer on the back of this paper (atleast 50 words) asking God to forgive you for those who you spoke about in a negative way and your willingness to stop gossiping. Please include 2 scripture verses in your prayer.

7. As believers we are works in progress. Be gentle on yourself. Just imagine that whatever you say behind the person's back, if they could hear what you were saying, would they take offense? If you only say words of encouragement about others behind their back, many blessings will come to you.

On the back of this paper, share 3 list of positive thoughts you have for 3 ladies at our institution. Then write a prayer asking God to give you an opportunity to share their positive qualities(behind their back) to others.