

Slander:

(The Body of Christ can do without it)

Proverbs 10:18 Whoever hides hatred has lying lips, And whoever spreads slander is a fool.

Slan-der 1. saying of something false and damaging: the act of saying something false or malicious that damages somebody's reputation

- defamation
- slur
- insult
- Scandal

Includes:

- Whispering. Ro 1:29; 2Co 12:20.
- Backbiting. Ro 1:30; 2Co 12:20.
- Criticism & innuendo Mark 14:5
- Evil surmising. 1Ti 6:4.
- Tale-bearing. Le 19:16.
- Babbling. Ec 10:11.
- Tattling. 1Ti 5:13.
- Evil speaking. Ps 41:5; 109:20.
- Defaming. Jer 20:10; 1Co 4:13.
- Bearing false witness. Ex 20:16; De 5:20; Lu 3:14.
- Judging. Jas 4:11,12.
- Raising false reports. Ex 23:1.
- Repeating matters. Pr 17:9.

Effects of:

- Separating friends. Pr 16:28; 17:9.
- Deadly wounds. Pr 18:8; 26:22
- Strife. Pr 26:20.
- Discord among brethren. Pr 6:19.
- Murder. Ps 31:13; Eze 22:9.

DIABOLOS is used 34 times as a title of Satan, "the Devil" (the English word is derived from the Greek); once of Judas,

Revelations 12:10 ... for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.

1 Timothy 3:11 Likewise their wives must be reverent, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things.

Titus 2:3 the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things--

Sign of the last times:

2 Timothy 3:1-5 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:

2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,
3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good,
4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,
5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

Danger:

Psalms 101:5 Whoever secretly slanders his neighbor, him I will destroy;

Promise for a good life:

Psalms 34:12-13 Who is the man who desires life,
And loves many days, that he may see good?
13 Keep your tongue from evil,
And your lips from speaking deceit.

Psalms 15:1-3 Lord, who may abide in Your tabernacle?

Who may dwell in Your holy hill?

2 He who walks uprightly,
And works righteousness,
And speaks the truth in his heart;

3 He who does not backbite with his tongue,
Nor does evil to his neighbor,
Nor does he take up a reproach against his friend;



Solution:

1. Love:

Matthew 22:36-39 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?"

37 Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."

38 "This is the first and great commandment.

39 "And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

2. Be positive about others:

Philippians 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy--meditate on these things.

3. Judge yourself before the Day of Judgment comes:

2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

Matthew 12:36-37 "But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment.

37 "For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."