

# Gossip Addiction

I've taught on numerous occasions about the need to give up all kinds of gossip, but from the feedback I've received, there's great reticence to cease.

The most common statements to continue gossiping are:

- “That’s not gossiping”;
- “It’s not gossip. I’m just relating information to you”;
- “This is who I am. I can’t change”;
- “I need to talk about it to share my day with you”; and
- “It’s not irrelevant to speak about, it’s important to me”.

What’s missing from such people’s understanding is that we are sons, not normal, average human beings. Life in the Kingdom for sons is different to life in the world, which means we have to be deprogrammed and reprogrammed in every area of our lives so we can grow and mature in our sonship, the way Father wants is to.

It’s not easy changing, which is one reason why we need to count the cost before coming into the Kingdom. Of course, the go-to-hell message ‘tricks’ people into coming into the Kingdom, so they don’t get a chance to weigh up all that they need to give up to align with living as a son.

The importance of giving up gossip was recently released by our King like this:

*“I speak to tale-bearers who are addicted to gossip as you share things that are **none of your business**. Treat others with the same love and respect that you desire for yourself. I tell you honestly that **you are sowing seeds that will produce a harvest you will not enjoy**. Be done with the pride that comes from judging others, and set your mind and heart of things of the Spirit.”<sup>1</sup>*

It will be hard to give up all forms of gossip because we’ve done it for so long in the past. The first step, though, is to admit our gossiping to Father and make an effort to watch what we speak about, ‘holding our tongue’ when it’s information that’s none of our business to share with others. Starting at that point will move us more into line with a better way of inter-personal communication.

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