

# Saying the right thing at the right time

## Introduction

- A. Three types of conversations to avoid
- B. Gossip Defined
- C. Implications of the definition

## I. Biblical exhortations against gossip

### II. A Case Study Of Gossip - The Story Of Absalom

1. Absalom was secretive about his message
2. Absalom's words were not kind toward King David
3. Absalom distorted the truth based on his experience
4. Absalom was looking for companions in discontent
5. Absalom's interest was selfish

### III. Keeping Ourselves From Gossiping

1. Do I have an issue with this person?
2. Am I willing to say this to the persons face? Have I already?
3. Would the person I am talking about be OK with what I am saying?
4. Will my sharing this information help someone?

### IV. Helping Others To Not Gossip

1. Defend the person being attacked or criticized
2. Ask for the right to quote the person
3. Change the topic
4. Confront the gossiper
5. Do not associate with a gossip

### V. So What?