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Answers at: <http://www.openthoumineeyes.com/Puzzle/tongue.htm>

Words to Find:

rebellion	blasphemy	unkindness
lying	boasting	arguing
deceit	debate	cursing
plotting	backbiting	
murmuring	gossip	

*"Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles."
Proverb 21:23*

*"If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain."
James 1:26*

Why She Was Popular
Christian Herald

A decent and honest old woman, who had for more than forty years earned a livelihood by taking in washing, was asked how it was she was so well liked by those who came in contact with her. She replied, "I make it a

practice never to say in one house what I hear in another."
*"Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people: neither shalt thou stand against the blood of thy neighbour: I am the LORD."
Leviticus 19:16*

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The Wanderings of a Raging Rumor

Bill Brinkworth

The student was certainly upset. His anger was quite clear. "What seems to be the problem?" I asked.

"He said that I was the one that broke the class globe. I didn't, and he wasn't even in class on that day it happened. How could he have even known?"

"Aha," I thought as I got the scent of a ruinous rumor en route through my classroom. I had the class sit down, as I began to publicly track down the treacherous trail of the elusive gossip.



I approached the accuser, and queried, "Is that true? You are sure he broke the globe? You saw it happen?"

"Well, I didn't actually see it happen. Keith told me he broke it."

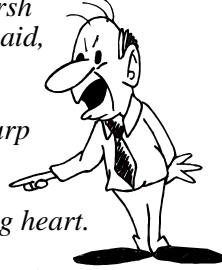
"Oh, I see. You were just believing the gossip and assumed it was true," I summarized.

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A Harsh Word

Author Unknown

*One day a harsh word, harshly said,
Upon an evil journey sped,
And like a sharp and cruel dart
It pierced a fond and loving heart.*



*It turned a friend into a foe
And everywhere brought pain and woe.
A kind word followed it one day,
Sped swiftly on its blessed way.
It healed the wound and soothed the pain,
And friends of old were friends again.
It made the hate and anger cease,
And everywhere brought joy and peace.*

*And yet the harsh word left a trace
The kind word could not efface,
And though the heart its love regained
It left a scar that long remained.
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The Wanderings of ...

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"Yeah, I guess you're right."

On I proceeded to Keith and continued the inquisition. "So Keith, since you passed the story, you must have seen him break the globe?"


"Um, not actually. I got it from Tony."

Then on to Tony I went. The whispering in the class was telling me that the class was starting to see a pattern to the scuttlebutt. Tony also admitted he had not seen the deed, but also heard it from another. In the class of less than 20 teenage boys, I followed the path of the rumor as it traveled through ten lips. Finally, I approached a boy where it seemed the tale originated.

"So, Brian, you see how much damage your story has done, and how far it has traveled. Did you see happen what you accused him of doing?"

Brian was quite nervous. He was picking at some bit of dirt on his desk and would not make eye contact with me. "Well, not actually," he murmured in a low voice. "But he broke an airplane model of mine a couple months ago, and never even said he was sorry. So, I just know he broke the globe."

The truth finally came out. "So you never saw him do it."

"The best way to halt gossip is not to offer a listening ear!" 

You just assumed he did it, because you were still mad at him for what he did a long time ago."

"Um, I guess so."

The whole class shook their head. They had been misled by someone else's bitter grudge. Each one had believed hearsay and each had misjudged an innocent person. Fortunately, although quite embarrassed, each publicly apologized to the accused and hopefully learned that a rumor cannot be trusted as truth. It was from that episode that Brian realized that he had also lost much of the trust of his classmates.

"The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly." Proverb 26:22

A Harsh Word

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*Friends can forgive but not forget,
Nor lose the sense of keen regret.*

Oh, if we would but learn to know

How swift and sure our words can go.

*How we would weigh with utmost care
Each thought before it reached the air,
And only speak the words that move*

Like white-winged messengers of love.



**"There is so much bad in the best of us,
And so much good in the worst of us,
That it ill behooves any of us
To talk about the rest of us."** — Robert L. Stevenson

Enquire Diligently

Watchman Examiner

Dr. McLean told how he was rebuked and humbled on a certain occasion when he repeated a grave matter he had heard to a friend. His friend opened his Bible to Deuteronomy 13:14 and read, "Then shalt thou enquire, and make search, and ask diligently; and, behold, if it be truth, and the thing certain, that such abomination is wrought among you;" The friend turned to Dr. McLean and quietly asked, "Have you, dear brother, 'enquired'? Have you made 'search'? Did you 'ask diligently'? Did you try and find out if the story is true? And the thing 'certain'? Is it certain that 'such abomination is wrought among you'?"

Dr. McClean says he could only acknowledge regretfully that he had not fulfilled one of the six conditions and was repeating the tale from hearsay, without making the slightest attempt to act thereon in a Scriptural way.

"Remember about the gossip, that when you are not around he is probably gossiping about you!"

Slander

Spurgeon

"Show that man out!" we would say of a drunkard; yet, it is very questionable if his unmannerly behavior will do us as much mischief as the talebearer's insinuating story."

"Call for a policeman!" we say if we see a thief at his business. Ought we to feel no indignation when we hear a gossip at his work?



"Mad dog! Mad dog!" is a terrible hue and cry, but there are few curs whose bite is so dangerous as a busybody's tongue.

"Fire! Fire!" is an alarming note, but the talebearer's tongue is set on fire of hell, and those who indulge it had better mend their manners.

Speak Evil of No Man

Christian Examiner

A godly minister was approached by one of his church members who wanted to repeat to him some of the wrong doings of others. The pastor said, "Does anybody else know this but you?"

"No, sir."

"Then," said the good man, "go home and hide it away at the feet of Jesus, and never speak of it again unless God leads you to speak to the man himself. If the Lord wants to bring scandal upon His Church, let Him do it, but don't you be the instrument to cause it."