



Scripture of the Quarter

“Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.”

Galatians 6:7 NKJV

Are You Living Under The Curse Of Loshon Hora?

This is something we don't hear being taught in Christianity and it **SHOULD BE!** In Hebrew “Loshon Hora” means **“The evil tongue”** or **“The evil speech.”** When we as Christians speak we must be very careful **concerning what we speak** about our brothers and sisters in Christ, as well as the people who are not saved. **Galatians 6:7** says it all; don't fool yourself God's Word is sure! We have all heard this cliché before, if you plant an apple tree you get apples, if you plant an orange tree - you will not reap plums! My point is this **if you intentionally plant seeds** you expect to reap a harvest and **if you unintentionally sow seeds**, you will also bring in a harvest. Remember when you have a seed in the ground whether good or bad it will come in. Here is an example if your Pastor, preaches a message and it convicts you to change, and you **ask God to forgive you and mean it**, God will forgive you, but you will still reap a harvest of what you have sown—good or bad! I truly believe the tongue is connected to the spirit world. Let me explain. We are all familiar with this scripture **Proverbs**

18:21 **“Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.”** When you speak positive things the result will be positive things will happen. Speak negative things and negative things will happen. There is a book of Jewish Wisdom called “Guard Your Tongue” English version of Chofetz by Rabbi Zelig Pliskin which should be required reading for all Christians!

No, this is not legalism. This is why many of us have opened a door for the devil to step in and cause havoc in our lives and we don't understand. We ourselves opened the door for problems in our lives.

There is another level when you do not intend for them to find out that you said about them. Backbiting, malicious, hateful and evil speaking is **“Loshon Hora”**—there is also the next step of speaking about someone behind their back. In addition to violating the prohibition of Loshon Hora you also **WILL INCUR the CURSE** found in **Deuteronomy 27:24** **“Cursed is the one who attacks his neighbor**

Before you speak ask yourself if what you are going to say is. . .

True?

Helpful?

Inspiring?

Kind?

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If the answer is **NO**, maybe what you are about to say should be left **unsaid.**

secretly.” And all the people shall say, “Amen!” You will not only incur this curse by speaking behind their backs, but if you get on your phone or computer and send messages facebook, tweet, etc... about maligning this person for all the world to see. Many do this and we have placed ourselves in the position that opened the door of living under a curse. You may be asking how does this happen? Your finger acts the same as your unruly tongue! I remember a case about four years ago that happened in Florida a girl bullied another girl by computer saying ugly, hateful, and hurtful things to her. The girl receiving these poisonous e-mails ended up committing suicide!

The Jewish people had 31 things listed in the book against Loshon Hora and I will just mention a few.

1. You shall **not be a talebearer** among your people. **Leviticus 19:16** 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. Here it talks about the blood if you speak false things about your neighbor which will cause him harm or even death you are in trouble! (Think about **Jesus** a lie resulted in His crucifixion)

2. You shall **not utter false reports**. **Exodus 23:1** “Thou shalt not raise a false report: put not thine hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness.” (Means if you agree with any tail bearing = gossip: you ARE under CURSE ALSO)

Pay close attention to what I’m going to say, we need to be aware of the reality **that we can open the door to curses on our lives when we hurt someone else with our words!**

Proverbs 26:2 “As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so **the curse causeless shall not alight**.” What does this scripture mean? It means that a curse does not come without a cause. Think about this a bird never fly’s blindly to find its nest. Some birds can fly thousands of miles and land in the same tree where its nest is. It does not have GPS but something draws it to its nest. This is what God is saying here. Listen, **a curse does not accidentally fall on us**. It’s not bad luck, something in our past either by our own actions or our family lineage draws is the open door that allows the curse to land in our spiritual nest (our household). Remember **Galatians 6:7, God’s warning do not be deceived. Whatever we sow** it multiplies and comes back into our lives. It is the same way with mercy, kindness, and gentleness—it multiplies back into our lives. Whatever we sow, we will create that same thing in our own lives and families. Listen carefully, if we speak to hurt someone else’s finances, it curses our finances. If we speak Loshon Hora about someone’s children or marriage, it will

always come back on us. If women malign their husbands when talking to other people, look out it will come back on you, same goes for husbands maligning their wives around other people.

I know God is a God of love and mercy. So I know it takes something very serious to make God angry. So we must be very careful to **guard our mouths** as God is serious about slander, gossip, and backbiting. Listen to what the Word of God states in **Proverbs 6:16-19**^(KJV) 16These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto Him: 17A proud look⁽¹⁾, a lying tongue⁽²⁾, and hands that shed innocent blood⁽³⁾, 18An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations⁽⁴⁾, feet that be swift in running to mischief⁽⁵⁾, 19A false witness that speaketh lies⁽⁶⁾, and he that soweth discord among brethren⁽⁷⁾.

God is saying: *He actually hates a man or woman who slanders, gossips, and backbites against the brethren!* Think about that. **Proverbs 18:8** “The words of a talebearer, are as **wounds** and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.” When you hear of someone spreading gossip or lies about you it can make you feel sick at your stomach!

Psalms 15:1-3^(KJV) 1Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill? 2He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. 3He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbor, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor.

We are supposed to love our neighbor, even if they are unsaved. Why? Because Jesus loves them! Now how do we stop gossip and slander? **Galatians 2:11** “Now when Peter had come to Antioch, I withstood him to his face, because he was to be blamed.” Paul did not talk behind Peter’s back. He confronted him face to face. This is an example for all of

us to follow so we don’t commit Loshon Hora and fall under a curse! I would like to close with a prayer. If you are committing Loshon Hora, **repent** and stop speaking behind your brother and sisters back, remember what you have sown you will reap the harvest you have spoken whether good or bad!

Please repeat this prayer:

Father, I come to you in the name of Jesus. I ask You to forgive me of the sin of Loshon Hora, of gossip, slander, and backbiting. I repent with my mouth and mean it from my heart. Now I come in agreement with the blood of Jesus that the curse is broken and reversed in every area of my life. Now Lord I ask you to help me guard my mouth everyday. In Jesus name. Amen.

So we, (including us) must think before we speak. Many of us are very opinionated (about everything). And we must close the door on this self-imposed curse. Repent of it, and stop watering and fertilizing them by adding to or spreading what we have spoken further. **Sometimes it is better to just close our mouths**. Let’s close the doors we have opened! Begin to plant good seeds water and fertilize them that we will harvest in our lives as well!

God Bless, Shalom and Restoration.



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