

Bearing False Witness. Do you do this without realizing it?

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Shabbat Shalom Family,

I now have one of the funniest jokes. Read this one it is really funny.

Two women were sitting at the back of the church minding their own business.....

Ain't that great. Minding their own business....

This week I am going to talk about gossip, but women are not the only ones that do it. I know for fact men are just as bad if not worse; so all of you need to read this.

If you do not speak up when it matters, when would it matter that you speak?

The opposite of courage is conformity. Even a dead fish can go with the flow." -

Jim Hightower

We have had a million emails telling us about the many conspiracies taking place that are all designed to kill us. Have you heard the one about the chem. Trails.... or how about the one where North Korea sent a suicide submarine to blow up the drilling rig in the gulf which has now spilled so much oil? Or maybe you heard about the conspiracy theory that the oil disaster in the gulf was done on purpose by the US Government, the same way the US government arranged for the planes to fly into the twin towers. There is a new one that has people exploring the mass graves in Texas where all these supposedly former Texans are buried. Did you send out emails about the gulf floor about to explode?

Many of you are positive the US government has built detention centers so they can come and confiscate your property and lock you away. Most of you are absolutely convinced that a few rich men in some secret place make all the decisions that cause so many things to happen here and there. Yet most of these secret meetings if not all of them end up in your in box of the elite few who have access to such secret info.

Rumors and more rumors and all of it conspiracy related **horse feathers. Yes, I said Horse feathers!!!!**

Many of you now have whole Sabbath services dedicated to these teachings; the Illuminate, The Jesuits, The Rothmans, The secret men behind closed doors and you believe them all as gospel. You have no facts, or you have some stuff that sounds factual and you drink it up as if you had never had water in weeks. It is now your religion. You can quote things about it at length and you even throw in a few good scriptures so that you can keep worshipping a this tree of knowledge of good and evil. Yes it has some facts but it is designed to be evil.

You are so gullible. When I read the things many of you send to me it terrifies me to know how gullible and stupid so many of you are. One person sent me many pictures of the Space Shuttle being blown up. All of those pictures were close up pictures taken by a spy satellite that the Chinese had stationed beside the shuttle so it could watch as the Chinese sent a particle beam with which to blow up the shuttle and send a message to the USA. Do any of you really read this garbage and see the lies that are in it? But so many of you believe it as the absolute god given truth.

It has become religious to you and you cannot prove one thing. Not one thing and yet you continue to share these untruths as gospel as if you were sitting at the table when these secrets that are only available to you were disclosed and you share them to your loved ones and family and friends, shattering any and all respectability that these people may have of you.

Then when you come with the true gospel they look at you like the horses butt you have become having delivered so much nonsense in prior times.

The Ninth commandment is found in Exodus 20: 16 "You do not bear false witness against your neighbour.

I have never received an apology for the hundreds of lies that many of you are forwarding around to each other and to me. You were false witnesses to things you had never seen nor could prove. But you were spreading gossip and lies without confirming them.

Yet we are told that you are going to judge angels???? Yah help us.

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Accusing and Bearing False Witness

There is a serious need to address Yahweh's requirement for righteous judgment amongst the people of this age. Righteous judgment is needed in society, in the assembly, and in our homes.

Today, we live in a society of instant everything. Everything from instant meals to instant news and information. With this is a tendency even among brethren to be too instant in judgment of others. The danger of this is bearing false witness against our neighbor. This is an important matter—important enough to be included in the Ten Commandments

Of course, many of us have been taught that to bear false witness means "Not to lie". But while this is true, we will see that this commandment has a shade to it that is more precise than just telling a lie.

Exodus 20:16 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

What does it mean to be a false witness against our neighbor? Here is one example in scripture:

Deuteronomy 19:16-21 “If a false witness rises against any man to testify against him of wrongdoing, 17 “then both men in the controversy shall stand before Yahweh, before the priests and the judges who serve in those days. 18 “And the judges shall make careful inquiry, and indeed, if the witness is a false witness, who has testified falsely against his brother, 19 “then you shall do to him as he thought to have done to his brother; so you shall put away the evil from among you. 20 “And those who remain shall hear and fear, and hereafter they shall not again commit such evil among you. 21 “Your eye shall not pity: life shall be for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

To be a false witness against our neighbor basically means to falsely accuse someone else of wrongdoing. In the Torah, false witnesses were dealt with very harshly. We see in the above verses that if a person was found to be bearing false witness against another person, they would be given the punishment that the other person would have received if the witness was true! With such a righteous law, we can understand why ‘by the mouth of two or three witnesses’ every matter truly was established. If anyone rose up as a false witness, they would be given the same punishment they thought to give to their neighbor.... risking their own life! With such a thing facing them, they would be very careful, yes?

If this righteous rule were established in today’s court systems, there wouldn’t be nearly the problems we see today.

Notice that the judges were required to make ‘diligent inquisition’, meaning that they were to be very careful and search diligently before making a judgment. We see this in other instances as well:

Deuteronomy 13:12-15 If you hear someone in one of your cities, which Yahweh your Elohim gives you to dwell in, saying, 13 ‘Corrupt men have gone out from among you and enticed the inhabitants of their city, saying, “Let us go and serve other elohims” ‘ — which you have not known — 14 “then you shall inquire, search out, and ask diligently. And if it is indeed true and certain that such an abomination was committed among you, 15 “you shall surely strike the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword — utterly destroying it, all that is in it and its livestock, with the edge of the sword.

And again:

Deuteronomy 17:2-5 If there is found among you, within any of your gates which Yahweh your Elohim gives you, a man or a woman who has been wicked in the sight of Yahweh your Elohim, in transgressing His covenant, 3 “who has gone and served other elohim and worshiped them, either the sun or moon or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded, 4 “and it is told you, and you hear of it, then you shall inquire diligently. And if it is indeed true and certain that such an abomination has been committed in Israel, 5 “then you shall bring out to your gates that man or woman who has committed that wicked thing, and shall stone to death that man or woman with stones.

So we see in these verses the importance of making diligent inquiry before judging that someone has done wrong or evil. While it is true that the context of these cases would be in a court of law, it is also true that judgment begins at the household of Yahweh:

1 Peter 4:17 For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of Elohim; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of Elohim?

1 Corinthians 6:2 Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters?

The principles of judgment are the same. Yahweh's will concerning judgment of matters is consistent throughout all of scripture. A DILIGENT inquiry must be made before making any sort of judgment or being a witness against another. If this is not done, and a false witness speaks...there are very serious consequences. It is a grievous sin in the eyes of Yahweh and he is not pleased. But so often, my brethren..

SO SO often...

I have seen where people are very quick to judge the character of another person, with hardly any inquiry at all! So... so often, I have seen quick, snap judgments and accusations that another person has or is doing something wrong when the person has truly done nothing at all! Indeed.. so often I have seen one person assassinate the character or reputation of another person based on suspicions and phony spiritual discernment when in reality there is an unclean spirit that is bringing these things to their mind. What's more, such accusations are often done privately and without the other person's knowledge.

Let me speak to you freely and bluntly to inform you that anyone practicing such things is bearing false witness and is imitating the accuser/adversary/devil!

In fact, the Greek word from which we get the term "Devil" from the Greek word diabolos and means "Accuser." For instance, another form of this word "diaballo" is found in Luke 16:1..

Luke 16:1-2 He also said to His disciples: "There was a certain rich man who had a steward, and an accusation was brought to him that this man was wasting his goods. 2 "So he called him and said to him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.'

The word that is translated "Accused" in verse 1 is "diabollo" (#1225), from where we get "Diabolos" (Devil). Letting the context in this verse offer a good definition of "diabollo", we can see that "accused" would be a pretty good translation. Why is it that the adversary is called "accuser"?

Revelation 12:9-11 – So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. 10 Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our Elohim, and the power of His Messiah have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our Elohim day and night, has been cast down. 11 "And

they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

As we see, the devil/accuser can be quite active in accusing the brethren before Yahweh day and night. “Diabolos” is the LXX (Septuagint) translation of the Hebrew word “Satan” meaning “Adversary”. (The Septuagint is a Greek translation of the “Old Testament” that predates the “New Testament” writings). From the beginning, a predominant characteristic of the adversary (Satan) is indeed the role of an accuser. We see this theme in the book of Genesis:

Genesis 3:1-5 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which Yahweh Elohim had made. And he said to the woman, “Has Elohim indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?’” 2 And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; 3 “but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, Elohim has said, ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’ ” 4 Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. 5 “For Elohim knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like Elohim, knowing good and evil.”

Part of the temptation that the adversary offered was a “subtle” accusation toward Elohim. The accusation was that Elohim was withholding wonderful things from Eve and the reason Elohim didn’t want Eve to eat from the tree was because Elohim wanted to keep her from being like He is. The “subtle” implication is that Eve could be just like Elohim and not be under His yoke/authority anymore.

Consider also the exchange between Satan and Yahweh in the book of Job:

Job 1:8-11 Then Yahweh said to Satan, “Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears Elohim and shuns evil?” 9 So Satan answered Yahweh and said, “Does Job fear Elohim for nothing? 10 “Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. 11 “But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face!”

This was an accusation from the accuser/adversary stating that Job only served Yahweh because Yahweh blessed and protected him. After Job didn’t curse Yahweh as the adversary had falsely predicted, the following happened:

Job 2:3-5 Then Yahweh said to Satan, “Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears Elohim and shuns evil? And still he holds fast to his integrity, although you incited Me against him, to destroy him without cause.” 4 So Satan answered Yahweh and said, “Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man has he will give for his life. 5 “But stretch out Your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will surely curse You to Your face!”

So the adversary once again made the accusation that Job would curse Yahweh to His face if Yahweh permitted bad things to happen to him. We can see some consistency in the spirit of

the adversary. It is a spirit of false accusations. If you continue reading the book of Job, you will see that this same spirit later influenced Job's three "friends" to accuse him of wrongdoing. They continuously tried to say that Yahweh was punishing him for his sins, but it was all false. The enemy was using these men to coerce Job into sin.

Yahweh later rebuked these three "friends":

Job 42:7-8 And so it was, after Yahweh had spoken these words to Job, that Yahweh said to Eliphaz the Temanite, "My wrath is aroused against you and your two friends, for you have not spoken of Me what is right, as My servant Job has.

It is very important that we are not influenced by this same spirit in any way, shape or form. We do not want to be like the adversary. Instead, we need to be like Yahushua! We know that Yahushua came to this earth where He was often accused, but He never falsely accused anyone. He was smitten, spit on, mocked, and tortured to death:

Mark 15:19-20 Then they struck Him on the head with a reed and spat on Him; and bowing the knee, they worshiped Him. 20 And when they had mocked Him, they took the purple off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him out to crucify Him.

With all they had done to Him, one would think that He had every reason in the world to accuse these people to the Father and seek their destruction. But Yahushua, being wise, understanding and full of compassion, said:

Luke 23:33-34 And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left. 34 Then Yahushua said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." And they divided His garments and cast lots.

Brethren, we must seek the wisdom, the understanding and the truth of Yahweh before we set out to accuse another. If Yahushua lacked Yahweh's wisdom, it would have been easy for Him to judge their motives as being purely evil and wrong. But He understood that they simply didn't know what they were even doing. Even when a person has done a wrong, we should seek Yahweh's wisdom and understand where mercy comes in. Yahushua prayed that Yahweh would forgive them because they were ignorantly doing evil. It is too often the case that when a person does wrong and deserves mercy—or even when they haven't done wrong—a whispering accusation is spoken in the ears of another.

Scripture says:

Psalms 101:5 Whoever secretly slanders his neighbor, Him I will destroy; The one who has a haughty look and a proud heart, Him I will not endure.

Notice that pride was associated with the slander in that verse? Indeed, often a major reason behind such things is to feed one's own pride by putting another person down. Many seek to peer down at another person and make judgments about them (real or imagined) so that they themselves might seem to be above them!

But scripture says:

Philippians 2:3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.

False accusers are among the evil traits of those who we will come to find in the last days: 2 Timothy 3:1-3 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,

We certainly do not want to have any of these characteristics, including being a false accuser. These are characteristics of evil, not good. We must realize the importance of not being a false accuser!

Today, entire ministries are based on false or unproven accusations. There are numerous ministries on the internet and elsewhere which claim to promote “Cutting edge information” on the latest conspiracy of this government or that government—of this world leader planning or doing this— and that world leader planning or doing that. But in reality those who make these claims don’t really have any proof at all! It’s just a bunch of “Could be’s” or “maybe’s” or “possibilities”. Accusations are made when no diligent inquiry is really done, nor is one really possible. We aren’t in their rooms while they speak and we aren’t in their meetings. We really don’t know what goes on in the White House every day. Some claim one thing evil about him and some another...but do we really know?? Can we really prove anything? We must be very diligent that we do not bear false witness or circulate any false report.

Still, entire ministries are devoted to the latest accusation/rumor/lie that nobody can really prove one way or another.

Let’s return to sound doctrine and let the truth of Yahweh’s word speak! We really don’t need to spend all our time trying to keep up with what Satan is trying to do next. We need to spend our time seeking what Yahweh is doing!

We read that one of the requirements of women who are elders is that they not be false accusers:

Titus 2:1-5 But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine: 2 that the older men be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in patience; 3 the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things — 4 that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, 5 to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of Elohim may not be blasphemed. .

You see, it is the enemies and adversaries of Yahweh that are the false accusers. Yahushua encountered some who made a number of attempts to accuse him:

Matthew 12:10 And behold, there was a man who had a withered hand. And they asked Him, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?” — that they might accuse Him.

And again..

Matthew 27:12 – And when he was accused of the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing.

And again..

Luke 11:53 And as He said these things to them, the scribes and the Pharisees began to assail Him vehemently, and to cross-examine Him about many things, 54 lying in wait for Him, and seeking to catch Him in something He might say, that they might accuse Him.

In the end, it was the false accusation of blasphemy that sentenced Him to death. It is so important to not falsely accuse! False accusation is what brought Yahushua to be sentenced to death!

Matthew 26:64-66 Yahushua said to him, “It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven.” 65 Then the high priest tore his clothes, saying, “He has spoken blasphemy! What further need do we have of witnesses? Look, now you have heard His blasphemy! 66 “What do you think?” They answered and said, “He is deserving of death.”

Never underestimate the power of a false accusation.

The apostles were also accused:

Acts 24:5-8 For we have found this man a plague, a creator of dissension among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes. 6 “He even tried to profane the temple, and we seized him, and wanted to judge him according to our law. 7 “But the commander Lysias came by and with great violence took him out of our hands, 8 “commanding his accusers to come to you. By examining him yourself you may ascertain all these things of which we accuse him.”

It is the enemies of Yahweh that spend their time falsely accusing the brethren. It surely should not be that the brethren are falsely accusing one another! Neither do we need to be spending our time finding the latest thing to accuse various world leaders.

We need to be spending our time, on our knees... praying for these leaders:

Jeremiah 29:7 And seek the peace of the city where I have caused you to be carried away captive, and pray to Yahweh for it; for in its peace you will have peace.

1 Timothy 2:1-2 Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, 2 for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all elohimliness and reverence.

Be assured, we will be falsely accused by the world. But Kepha/Peter wrote that we are to live our lives in such a way that our works bring shame to those who falsely accuse us:

1 Peter 3:15-17 But sanctify the Master Elohim in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; 16 having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile

your good conduct in Messiah may be ashamed. 17 For it is better, if it is the will of Elohim, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

And again..

1 Peter 2:11-12 Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, 12 having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify Elohim in the day of visitation.

Younger women are encouraged to live likewise:

1 Timothy 5:14-15 Therefore I desire that the younger widows marry, bear children, manage the house, give no opportunity to the adversary to speak reproachfully. 15 For some have already turned aside after Satan.

Paul, when writing to Titus wrote about the necessity of a leader being without fault:

Titus 1:5-16 For this reason I left you in Crete, that you should set in order the things that are lacking, and appoint elders in every city as I commanded you — 6 if a man is blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of dissipation or insubordination. 7 For a bishop must be blameless, as a steward of Elohim, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, 8 but hospitable, a lover of what is good, sober-minded, just, holy, self-controlled, 9 holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict. 10 For there are many insubordinate, both idle talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision, 11 whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole households, teaching things which they ought not, for the sake of dishonest gain. 12 One of them, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons." 13 This testimony is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith, 14 not giving heed to Jewish fables and commandments of men who turn from the truth. 15 To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience are defiled. 16 They profess to know Elohim, but in works they deny Him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work.

In the above verses, I think it is worthy to note that "To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience are defiled." This is so true, and it is often the one whose mind is so focused on evil and wrong that is quick to accuse others of doing evil and wrong.

But we should not be among the false accusers. If it is we who have to deal with false accusers, then we should surely not be like them! Rather than responding with a false accusation of our own, we should simply live our lives so that our conduct reproves those who accuse us. Daniel was an example of that:

Daniel 6:3-4 Then this Daniel distinguished himself above the governors and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king gave thought to setting him over the whole realm. 4 So the governors and satraps sought to find some charge against Daniel concerning the

kingdom; but they could find no charge or fault, because he was faithful; nor was there any error or fault found in him.

If we are falsely accused, we are actually “blessed” and we are more like Yahushua: Matthew 5:11 Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.

Do we see the battle lines drawn brethren? It is the adversary that is seeking to bring reproach upon the innocent. He did so with Yahushua and we can expect it to be done to us: Matthew 10:24-25 A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. 25 “It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more will they call those of his household!

Now it is important to note that accusing is not necessarily inherently evil. It is a necessary part of judging wrongdoing. We just need to be VERY sure we are on the right side of Yahweh’s judgment when we choose to accuse.

Proverbs 17:15 He who justifies the wicked, and he who condemns the just, Both of them alike are an abomination to Yahweh.

Therefore, let’s flee from abominations and let’s embrace the wisdom and understanding of Yahweh. Let’s seek to abide in Yahweh’s holy hill:

Psalms 15:1-3 Yahweh, 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;

Therefore, let’s be sure that we refrain from evil speaking and let’s embrace mercy and truth: James 4:11-12 Do not speak evil of one another, brethren. He who speaks evil of a brother and judges his brother, speaks evil of the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. 12 There is one Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy. Who are you to judge another?

Ephesians 4:31-32 Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. 32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as Elohim in Messiah forgave you.

So often, false accusations between two persons are actually rooted in bitterness. When two people are at odds over something, false accusations are too often flying back and forth. Why? Because each person believes the other is a person of poor character, suspicions of wrongdoing are much more frequent. An innocent action is perceived as an evil action simply because one person doesn’t believe the other person is of good character. But this ought not be so! We must be a true witness in every matter and not let the defiling work of bitterness cloud and defile our judgment!

If our brother sins against us, we should be reading and following Matthew 18:15-17 rather than slandering them everywhere we go.

Matthew 18:15-17 Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. 16 “But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that ‘by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.’ 17 “And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector.

If we follow these steps, we may even find out we totally misunderstood and were totally wrong! This is probably one reason why Yahushua said we should go to them personally first. Such bitterness also can occur in a marriage, especially if there have been marital troubles. Husbands (the authority in the home) are particularly warned about this: Colossians 3:19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them.

Bitterness a husband holds against the wife for past wrongs will too often result in future false suspicions of wrongdoing.. and consequently, false accusation. When such accusations are exposed as false, I believe husbands must repent and seek forgiveness rather than just brushing it off and ignoring the fact that a sin was just committed. If we hear an accusation, a report of evil about anyone (brethren, leaders of congregations or nations) and we are uncertain of the matter... we must be extra sure that we are not spreading it:

Exodus 23:1 – Thou shalt not raise a false report: put not thine hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness.

And just because everyone else is accusing, that doesn't make the accusation correct.

Exodus 23:2 – Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil; neither shalt thou speak in a cause to decline after many to wrest judgment:

We should beware, and keep ourselves from any false matter. Too often “Email” is a playground for such things. One person emails something and it gets forwarded all over the internet. We should not pass on something unless we know it to be true.

Exodus 23:7 – Keep thee far from a false matter; and the innocent and righteous slay thou not: for I will not justify the wicked.

We should seek the truth of a matter lest we be found guilty of spreading a false report.

When we think evil of another and we really do not know for sure, we are wise to not assume the thought to be true. And we are wiser still not to condemn them, especially if we have our own things to overcome.

Matthew 7:1-5 Judge not, that you be not judged. 2 “For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. 3 “And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? 4 “Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me remove the speck from your eye’; and look, a

plank is in your own eye? 5 “Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.

Yes, so often a person thinks or says evil of another but they themselves are guilty of the same or even greater sins. They are knocking everyone over with the huge timber in their eye while they accuse another person to make themselves feel better!

Consider this: The minute you judge another’s salvation for his own lack of understanding in a matter.. you are endangering yourself because who knows if you might be ignorant on another matter? We need to be wise, understanding and merciful... just as Yahushua was who was so very merciful:

Matthew 5:7 – Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

We are far better off not to accuse another of wrongdoing in our minds or with our mouths unless we are 100% sure of the matter. If we are unsure, we can choose to investigate and make diligent inquiry. If we find it to be so, we should take it to that person rather than whisper it to someone else. For what good does it do to tell everyone else about a person’s sin? It doesn’t help or love the sinner. It would be an act of love to tell the brother who sinned: Leviticus 19:17-18 You shall not hate your brother in your heart. You shall surely rebuke your neighbor, and not bear sin because of him. 18 ‘You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am Yahweh.

Telling some other person is not the answer. Hiding it from the person is not the answer. Going to the person is the way of righteousness and mercy:

James 5:19-20 Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, 20 let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.

And if we should go to the person, we should do so in meekness:

Galatians 6:1 Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.

It could be that you didn’t have correct information about a matter and were wrong in your judgment. Always listen when going to the person.

Proverbs 18:17 The first one to plead his cause seems right, Until his neighbor comes and examines him.

Therefore..

2 Timothy 2:24 – 3:1 And a servant of the Master must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, 25 in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if Elohim perhaps will

grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, 26 and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.

And again..

James 3:13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom.

When we are meek, we won't be so quick to wrongly judge another. When we aren't so quick to judge another, we are ourselves spared from judgment.

I am quite sure that we are going to need all the mercy we can get on the day of judgment. Therefore, let's cease from snap judgments based on false pretenses, phony spiritual discernments, false witnesses and evil thoughts.

Let's cease from false accusations based on mere suspicions and spiritual pride, lest we find ourselves imitating the father of lies.

Let's cease from falsely accusing a person based on past experiences with others. Every person is different.

Instead...

Let's forever seek to intercede and plead the cause of the falsely accused.

Let's forever seek to make diligent inquiry before making any accusation.

Let's forever seek to imitate the One who IS the truth.

Let's forever seek the TRUTH in every matter—resisting every false thought—and the one who would inspire them.

When we go to Proverbs we get an earful in 6: 12 A man of Beliya'al, a wicked man, Walks with a perverse mouth, 13 Winks with his eyes, shuffles his feet, Points with his fingers; 14 Perverseness is in his heart, Plotting evil at all times, He sends out strife. 15 Therefore his calamity comes suddenly; Instantly he is broken, And there is no healing. 16 These six matters ??? hates, And seven are an abomination to Him: 17 A proud look, A lying tongue, And hands shedding innocent blood, 18 A heart devising wicked schemes, Feet quick to run to evil, 19 A false witness breathing out lies, And one who causes strife among brothers.

Take special notice of the 7 things Yahovah hates and just how many of them revolve around gossip.

The proud look is one that is brought on by knowledge about the other person or over the other person in superiority.

Most gossip is enhanced and embellished by the lying tongue

Once the lie has been spread around enough it can lead to the death of innocent people just as Yahshua was falsely accused and killed.

Men will spread a lie or wicked scheme in order to trap another person at work and then there are others who quickly join in such shenanigans thinking it was fun until the victim is hurt.

Gossips just breathe out lies one after another in order to cause and bring about strife.

As you can see Yahovah just hates gossipers.

Gossipers are also spoken of in Proverb 20: 18 By counsel plans are established; And by wise guidance wage a battle. 19 He who goes about as a slanderer reveals secrets; Therefore do not associate with him Who speaks smoothly with his lips.

Read what James has to say about this matter in chapter 3.

1 Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, knowing that we shall receive greater judgment. 2 For we all stumble in many matters. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the entire body. 3 Look, we put bits in the mouths of horses, for them to obey us, and we turn their body. 4 Look at the ships too: although they are so big and are driven by strong winds, they are turned by a very small rudder wherever the pilot intends. 5 So too the tongue is a little member, yet boasts greatly. See how a little fire kindles a great forest! 6 And the tongue is a fire, the world of unrighteousness. Among our members the tongue is set, the one defiling the entire body, and setting on fire the wheel of life, and it is set on fire by Gehenna. 7 For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind. 8 But no man is able to tame the tongue. It is unruly, evil, filled with deadly poison. 9 With it we bless our Elohim and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of Elohim. 10 Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brothers, this should not be so. 11 Does the fountain send forth the sweet and the bitter from the same opening? 12 My brothers, is a fig tree able to bear olives, or a grapevine figs? So neither is a fountain able to make salt and sweet water. 13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by his good behaviour his works in meekness of wisdom. 14 But if you have bitter jealousy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast against and lie against the truth. 15 This is not the wisdom coming down from above, but it is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. 16 For where jealousy and self-seeking are, there is confusion and every foul deed. 17 But the wisdom from above is first clean, then peaceable, gentle, ready to obey, filled with compassion and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. 18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

James 3:6 likens the tongue to a fire and Proverbs 26:20 says, in reference to gossip, "without wood a fire goes out. "But read what the rest of Proverb 26 says. 18 Like a madman who throws sparks, arrows, and death, 19 So is a man who deceived his neighbour, And says, "I was only joking!" 20 For lack of wood, the fire goes out. And without a slanderer, strife ceases. 21 As charcoal is to burning coals, and wood to fire, So is a contentious man to kindle strife. 22 The words of a slanderer are as dainty morsels, Which go down into the inner parts of the heart. 23 Burning lips with an evil heart Are like earthenware covered with silver dross. 24 He who hates, pretends with his lips, And lays up deceit within him; 25 Though he speaks kindly, do not believe him, For there are seven abominations in his heart. (We just read those 7 abominations that Yahovah hates) 26 Hatred is covered by deceit. His evil is disclosed in the assembly. 27 Whoever digs a pit falls into it, And whoever rolls a stone, it turns back on him.

28 A lying tongue hates its bruised ones, And a flattering mouth works ruin.

Proverb 11: 9 The defiled one destroys his neighbour with his mouth, But the righteous is delivered by knowledge.

Proverb 12: 5 The thoughts of the righteous are right-ruling, The counsels of the wrong are deceit. 6 The words of the wrong are, "Lie in wait for blood," But the mouth of the straight delivers them. 7 The wrong are overthrown, And are no more, But the house of the righteous stands

Proverb 16: 27 A man of Beliya'al plots evil, And on his lips it is like a burning fire. 28 A perverse man sends forth strife, And a whisperer separates intimate friends. 29 A ruthless man entices his neighbour, And leads him in a way that is not good, 30 Winking with his eye to plot perversity, Moving his lips he shall bring about evil.

Proverb 17: 4 An evil-doer gives heed to wicked lips; A liar gives ear to a tongue of desire. 5 He who mocks the poor reproaches his Maker; He who rejoices at calamity does not go unpunished. 6 Children's children are the crown of old men, And the adornment of children is their fathers. 7 Excellent speech is not fitting for a fool, Much less lying lips for a noble. 8 A bribe is a stone of favour in the eyes of its owner; Wherever he turns, he prospers. 9 He who covers a transgression seeks love, But he who repeats a matter separates intimate friends.

Proverb 18: 6 A fool's lips enter into strife, And his mouth calls for blows. 7 A fool's mouth is his ruin, And his lips are the snare of his life. 8 The words of a slanderer are like delicacies, And they go down into the inner parts of the heart.

Proverb 19: 1 Better is the poor walking in his integrity Than one of perverse lips, who is a fool. 2 Also, desire without knowledge is not good; And he who hurries with his feet sins.

Proverb 22: 10 Cast out the scoffer and strife goes out, And contention and shame cease.

Proverb 25: . 8 Do not go forth to strive in haste, For what would you do in the end, When your neighbour has put you to shame? 9 Plead your case with your neighbour himself, And do not disclose the secret of another; 10 Lest he who hears it put you to shame, And your evil report turn not back.23 The north wind brings rain, And a secret tongue an enraged face.