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SPEAK NO EVIL



THE GREEK LANGUAGE OF THE NEW TESTAMENT IS KNOWN FOR ITS RICHNESS AND NUANCED VOCABULARY. THERE ARE OFTEN SEVERAL WORDS THAT CAN BE USED TO EXPRESS A THOUGHT. WITH THE HELP OF THE LOUW-NIDA GREEK-ENGLISH LEXICON OF THE NEW TESTAMENT LET'S CONSIDER SOME OF THE VOCABULARY USED TO DESCRIBE ELEMENTS OF GOSSIP.

1. DIAKRINO: CRITICAL TALK
 - TO EXPRESS DISAPPROVAL OF WHAT SOMEONE HAS DONE. SEE ACTS 11:2
2. SPERMOLOGO: WORTHLESS TALK
 - AN INFORMATION SCAVENGER WHO IS NOT ABLE TO SAY ANYTHING WORTHWHILE IN VIEW OF HIS MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTION OF TIDBITS OF INFORMATION. SEE ACTS 17:18
3. APELEGMOS: REPROACHFUL TALK
 - SERIOUS AND STRONG CRITICISM BASED UPON PRESUMED EVIDENCE. SEE ACTS 19:27
4. MOMAOMAI: CENSORIOUS TALK
 - TO FIND FAULT WITH SOMEONE BY IMPLYING BLAME. SEE II CORINTHIANS 6:3
5. PSYTHURISMOS: HARMFUL TALK
 - PROVIDING HARMFUL INFORMATION ABOUT A PERSON, OFTEN SPOKEN IN WHISPERS OR IN A LOW VOICE, WITH THE IMPLICATION THAT SUCH INFORMATION IS NOT WIDELY KNOWN AND THEREFORE SHOULD PRESUMABLY BE KEPT SECRET. SEE II CORINTHIANS 12:20
6. METALOGIA: IDLE TALK
 - SPEECH WHICH HAS NO BENEFICIAL PURPOSE. SEE I TIMOTHY 1:6
7. PHLUAROS: NONSENSE TALK
 - MAKING NO SENSE BECAUSE OF IGNORANCE OF WHAT IS INVOLVED. SEE I TIMOTHY 5:13
8. KENOPHONIA: EMPTY TALK
 - SPEECH WHICH LACKS SIGNIFICANT CONTENT. SEE II TIMOTHY 2:16-17
9. KATALALEO: EVIL TALK
 - TO SPEAK AGAINST SOMEONE. OFTEN INCLUDING SPEAKING EVIL OF THAT ONE. SEE JAMES 4:11

EACH OF US MUST BE CAREFUL TO AVOID GOSSIP AND WICKED WORDS. PAUL WARNS THE GALATIANS OF THEIR LOVING OBLIGATION AND THE DANGER OF EVIL SPEECH. "FOR YOU WERE CALLED TO FREEDOM, BRETHREN; ONLY DO NOT TURN YOUR FREEDOM INTO AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE FLESH, BUT THROUGH LOVE SERVE ONE ANOTHER. FOR THE WHOLE LAW IS FULFILLED IN ONE WORD, IN THE STATEMENT, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' BUT IF YOU BITE AND DEVOUR ONE ANOTHER, TAKE CARE THAT YOU ARE NOT CONSUMED BY ONE ANOTHER. BUT I SAY, WALK BY THE SPIRIT, AND YOU WILL NOT CARRY OUT THE DESIRE OF THE FLESH. FOR THE FLESH SETS ITS DESIRE AGAINST THE SPIRIT, AND THE SPIRIT AGAINST THE FLESH; FOR THESE ARE IN OPPOSITION TO ONE ANOTHER, SO THAT YOU MAY NOT DO THE THINGS THAT YOU PLEASE." - GALATIANS 5:13-17 (NASB)

BRETHREN, SPEAK NO EVIL!

LOOKING UP,
PASTOR CHUCK CIRCLE