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# The Messenger



*"... How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of good things!" Romans 10:15*

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## Gossip

Someone said, "Gossip is like a blotter – it absorbs a lot of dirt and gets it all backwards." Webster defines gossip to mean: "A person who chatters or repeats idle talk and rumors about others."

1. Gossip wounds. "The words of a talebearer are as wounds and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly" (Prov. 18:8). It can be often seen that the wounds of talebearing never heal. Sometimes the damage is so great that it can never be undone.
2. Gossip separates friends. "He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth friends (Prov. 17:9). Again Solomon said, "A whisper separateth chief friends" (Prov. 16:28). A lot of friendships have been ruined by gossip.
3. Gossip sows strife and digs up evil. "An ungodly man diggeth up evil; and in his lips there is a burning fire" (Prov. 16:27). One who is eager to talk, he who must whisper will find something to talk about – even if he has to dig it up! His lips burn with a message of gossip. Strife is the result.
4. Gossip ensnares the soul of the gossiper. "A fool's mouth is his destruction and his lips are the snare of his soul" (Prov. 18:7). The person who gossips is digging his own grave with his mouth.
5. Gossip is classed with the worst of evil. It is mentioned with such sins as fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness, murder, deceit, malignity, haters of God, etc. (Rom. 1:29-30).
6. Gossip is dangerous. "He that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth secrets: Therefore meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips" (Prov. 20:19).

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# Getting Ready to Move

*by Jesse Bunn*

The owner of the building I have occupied for 91 years has given notice that he will do little or nothing more for repairs. I'm advised to get ready to move. At first this was not a very welcome notice. The surroundings here, in many respects, are very pleasant, and were it not for the evidence of decay, I would consider this old house good enough. But even a light wind causes it to tremble and totter and all the braces are not sufficient to make it secure. So, I am getting ready to move.

It is strange how quickly one's interest is transferred to the new prospective home. I have been consulting maps of the new country and reading descriptions of its inhabitants. Two or three times I have been down by the river that forms the boundary and have wished myself among the company of those who are singing the praises of the King on the other side.

Many of my relatives and friends have moved there. Before leaving they spoke of my coming later. I have seen smiles on their faces as they passed out of sight. Often I am asked to make investments here, but I always say I can't; for I'm getting ready to move. I am not unhappy that my lease is expiring. I'm not the least disturbed at moving. I anticipate it will be better when I do.

## Satan's Auction

It is said that Satan announced once upon a time that he was thinking of retiring from business and would offer all of his diabolical inventions for sale to anyone who would pay the price.

On the day of the sale, the tools were all attractively displayed, despite the ugliness of most of them. Malice, hatred, jealousy, sensuality, deceit, and all the other instrumentalities of evil was each marked with its price.

Apart from the rest, lay a plain wedge-shaped tool, much worn, and priced much higher than any of the others. Someone asked Satan what it was.

"That's Discouragement," was the reply.

"Why have you priced such a simple tool so high?"

"Because," Satan answered, "it is more useful to me than any of the others. I can pry open and get inside a man's consciousness with that when I could not get near him with any of the others; and once inside I can use him in whatever suits me best. It is much worn because I have used it on nearly everybody, and few, very few, know that it belongs to me."

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