

IDENTIFYING HEART-IDOLS IN GOSSIP

THE IDOL OF APPROVAL

I want the approval of the people I'm talking to

THE IDOL OF CONTROL

Using gossip as a way to manipulate/control others

THE IDOL OF REPUTATION

I want to feel important, so I cut someone else down verbally

THE IDOL OF SUCCESS

Someone is succeeding-and I'm not-so I gossip about him

THE IDOL OF SECURITY

Talking about others masks my own insecurity

THE IDOL OF PLEASURE

Someone else is enjoying life-and I'm not-so I attack her

THE IDOL OF KNOWLEDGE

Talking about people is a way of showing I know more

THE IDOL OF RECOGNITION

Talking about others gets people to notice me

THE IDOL OF RESPECT

That person disrespected me, so I'm going to disrespect him

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ASKING HEART-REVEALING QUESTIONS

How would you **describe** the situation?

Proverbs 18:13, 15 & 17

What were you **thinking/feeling**?

Psalms 139:23-24; Ephesians 4:22-24

What did you **want**?

Matthew 6:19-21; James 4:1-4

How did you **respond**?

Luke 6:43-45; James 1:13-15

What were the **outcomes/consequences**?

Galatians 6:7-8

What is God **teaching** you?

1 Peter 1:6-7

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