

“Think Before You Speak But Learn Before You Think” James 3:6-12 An unrestrained tongue involved in reverse process rebellion, can produce enough slander, gossip, maligning, criticizing and judging to destroy an entire congregation. Continued or habitual use of the sins of the tongue is a sure sign of rebellion which if not checked, can end with the sin unto death, which is maximum divine discipline **Psalm 12:3**. Troublemakers are identifiable by their sins of the tongue **Psalm 52:2**. And we are commanded to avoid such people or separate from them if we are already in a relationship with them **Romans 16:17-18**. And by the way, a believer in Christ can actually lengthen his life and find great inner happiness by avoiding the sins of the tongue **Psalm 34:12-13**. Judging results in severe divine discipline because in doing so, a self-righteous believer places himself on the Throne of God when he arrogantly judges the thoughts, motives and actions of others without knowing all the facts as God does. This means that, at best, they have a false system of religious standards, which causes them to justify their vindictive character assassination that destroys the target’s reputation because this person is involved in a travesty of divine justice and so he believes that it will take a fine Christian like him to stop it **Romans 2:1-2**. Remember the Exodus generation’s attitude after they were delivered from slavery in Egypt in **Exodus 14** as those who are always seeing the glass half-empty and complaining about it, demonstrating a lack of gratitude for the blessings of God especially regarding our so great salvation and our wonderful spiritual life.