

# Slander No One

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Words kill, words give life;  
they're either poison or fruit – you choose.  
Proverbs 18:21

Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, to **slander no one**, to be peaceable and considerate, and always to be gentle toward everyone.  
Titus 3:1-2 (NIV)

Our English word \_\_\_\_\_ comes from the original Greek word used in this passage translated slander.

To say, "Slander no one," means we must not...

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WHAT AM I REALLY TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH WHEN SPEAKING ABOUT ANOTHER PERSON (check all that apply)?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> _____ self       | <input type="checkbox"/> Lower another _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> _____ another    | <input type="checkbox"/> Express genuine _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elevate my _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ another         |

"If I am speaking evil of others,  
when will I find time to love them?"

TO SLANDER NO ONE, I MUST...

★ \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_  
(Matthew 22:39)

I DO THIS BY...

- Multiple daily \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Psalm 139:23-24; Matthew 7:3-5; Romans 12:2)
  - Always ask: \_\_\_\_\_
- Treating \_\_\_\_\_ as I would like to be \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Matthew 7:12)
  - I \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of others.
  - I avoid \_\_\_\_\_ in bad \_\_\_\_\_ about others.
- Encourage others \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Ephesians 4:29-32)
- Not putting myself above the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.  
(James 4:11-12)
- Answer \_\_\_\_\_ when \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1 Corinthians 4:13)

"A great lie, if unnoticed, is like a big fish out of water—it dashes and plunges and beats itself to death in a short time."  
~ Charles Spurgeon ~

"In Christ I'm not just more sinful than I ever dared fear, but more loved than I ever dared hope."  
~ Tim Keller ~