

## Gospel vs. Gossip

Both gospel and gossip come from the same root word – “to spread.”

When we talk about the personal needs of other people, it can either glorify God or glorify self (which is motivated by Satan). Here are the differences between the two:

### Gospel

1. **Spreads good news and never hurtful news:** The sensitive stories of others always magnify God.
2. **The heart motive is to promote God:** The only place Christ sought recognition or approval was from His Father. Never once, did He seek the recognition or approval of man.
3. **Confidentiality:** To comply with the wishes of others is always the primary concern. Confidentiality, to protect the other is a priority.

### Gossip

1. **Spreads any kind of news:** The person talking is seeking a platform by which the attention of others is on them. Most often, the person talking will point out something negative in regard to the other and indicate a judgment of the others actions by look or words.
2. **The heart motive is to promote self:** While talking about others, the one gossiping is in the “lime light.” Attention is drawn to the one talking. That is the primary goal. Do not be misleading when the gossip is coated with Christian verbiage such as: “We need to pray for ...”, “ Did you know that...?”, “ Or, I feel so bad for...”, etc.
3. **Behind the back:** Most of the time, the person gossiping does not even consider confidentiality. Gossip is usually happens in the spur of the moment and the persons’ well being is never considered. The bottom line intent is not to help the person, but rather to expose them.

**According to Maxwell, leadership is influence.**

**Question:** Who had more influence in heaven prior to sin – was it Lucifer, or was it Christ?

**Conduct a study** in the writings of EGW to discover Lucifer’s methods of Leadership and Christ’s methods of leadership. Do you see evidence of both styles in the lives of leaders today?