

Proverbs 26:20

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One thing I hate about being on social media is, anyone and everyone posts things that are political. Someone sees something on the internet and they are quick to post it, be it good or bad, true or false or partially true, and they are posting them about our new president, and even our old president. Now before you shut this down, this devotional is nonpolitical, so hang in there.

When I do see these types of postings on Facebook, I immediately hide them without even reading them, because I don't need a bunch of gossip and garbage in my life.

Yet, here is another thought. What if each person that posted all these bad things about our leadership or even others had all their dirt posted on Facebook as well. How would they feel? Would they enjoy all their dirt about them being posted for millions to read about?

What if the things that were posted about them were false or partially true, how would they feel about that?

But the problem is that people will respond by liking or not liking their posts, feeding their gossip so that they want to post more and more. I know some think they are doing a service by posting such things, but once again, would it be a service to post their dirt to the millions on social media?

So, what do we do about it? Well, as a Christian, with all things, pray about it, and for those who do such things. Second, don't feed their sin with your comments or approval or non-approvals, just like today's devotional verse is talking about.

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The bible also says that if you are a man (or woman) of God that you should run from such things and pursue Godly things.

† **1 Timothy 6:11 (NLT)** *But you, Timothy, are a man of God; so run from all these evil things. Pursue righteousness and a godly life, along with faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness.*

And if you are one of those who like to spread all this gossip and junk, the bible says:

† **Leviticus 19:16 (NLT)** *Do not spread slanderous gossip among your people. Do not stand idly by when your neighbor's life is threatened. I am the LORD.*

And if people think you are strange, or weird, or one of them Jesus or religious freaks, the bible says this about us.

† **1 Peter 4:4** *In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of you.*

So live righteously, and be a part of scripture.

† **Revelation 22:11 (NLT)** *Let the one who is doing harm continue to do harm; let the one who is vile continue to be vile; let the one who is righteous continue to live righteously; let the one who is holy continue to be holy.*