



A talebearer reveals secrets, but he who is of a faithful spirit conceals a matter.

—PROVERBS 11:13 NKJV

Flabbergasted (adj.)

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appalled over how much weight you have gained

Coffee (n.)

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the person upon whom one coughs

Abdicate (v.)

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to give up all hope of ever
having a flat stomach

Negligent (adj.)

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describes a condition in
which you absentmindedly
answer the door in your
nightgown

Gargoyle (n.)

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olive-flavored
mouthwash

Flatulence (n.)

Flatulence (n.)

emergency vehicle that
picks you up after you are
run over by a steamroller

Balderdash (n.)

Balderdash (n.)

a rapidly receding hairline

Frisbeetarianism (n.)

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the belief that when you
die your soul flies up
onto the roof and
gets stuck there

**A gossip goes around
revealing secrets, but
those who are trustworthy
can keep a confidence.**

—PROVERBS 11:13 NLT

**Consider the
Importance of
Keeping Confidences**



**A gossip tells secrets,
so don't hang around
with someone who talks
too much.**

—PROVERBS 20:19 NLT

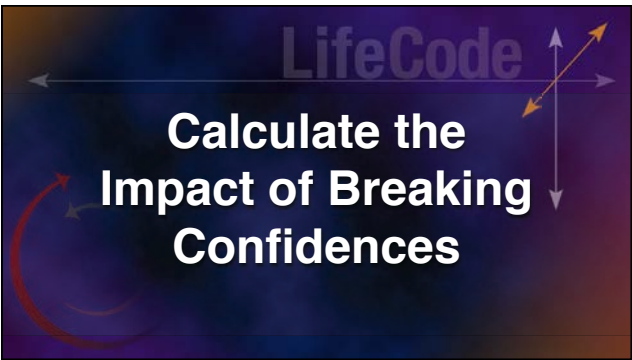
**The gossip of bad people
gets them in trouble; the
conversation of good people
keeps them out of it.**

PROVERBS 12:13 The Message

**A gadabout gossip can't be
trusted with a secret, but
someone of integrity won't
violate a confidence.**

PROVERBS 11:13 The Message

**Calculate the
Impact of Breaking
Confidences**



Calculate the Impact of Breaking Confidences

- Sows Strife

A troublemaker plants
seeds of strife; gossip separates
the best of
friends. **PROVERBS 16:28 NLT**

The words of a talebearer are
like tasty trifles, and they go
down into the inmost body.
He who is slothful in his work
is a brother to him who is a
great destroyer.

PROVERBS 18:8-9 NKJV

When a leader listens to
malicious gossip, all the workers
get infected with
evil. **PROVERBS 29:12 MSG**

Calculate the Impact of Breaking Confidences

- Sows Strife
- Fuels Anger

As surely as a wind from
the north brings rain, so a
gossiping tongue causes
anger! **PROVERBS 25:23 NLT**

**When you run out of wood,
the fire goes out; when the
gossip ends, the quarrel
dies down.**

PROVERBS 26:20 MSG

Calculate the Impact of Breaking Confidences

- Sows Strife
- Fuels Anger
- Defaces Character

**Evil people relish malicious
conversation; the ears of
liars itch for dirty gossip.**

PROVERBS 17:4 MSG

**Concentrate on
Insights for Guarding
Confidences**



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The heart of the righteous
studies how to answer,
but the mouth of the
wicked pours forth evil.
—PROVERBS 15:28

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Rash language cuts and
maims, but there is healing
in the words of the wise.
—PROVERBS 12:18 MSG

Motivation?
Offence?
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The tongue of the wise uses
knowledge rightly, but the mouth
of fools pours forth foolishness.
—PROVERBS 15:2 NKJV

Motivation?
Offence?
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The mouth of the righteous
is a well of life, but violence
covers the mouth of the
wicked. —PROVERBS 10:11 NKJV

Motivation?
Offence?
Urgency?
Tact?
Hearing?

Evil people relish malicious
conversation, the ears of
liars itch for dirty gossip.
—PROVERBS 17:4 MSG

Listening to gossip is
like eating cheap candy;
do you really want junk
like that in you belly?
—PROVERBS 18:8 MSG