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Let's Eliminate Negative Talking

(Pick a Little, Talk a Little)

Matthew 12:36; Proverbs 6:16-19

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**Introduction: S.T.O.P. Speech That Offers Praise; Speech That's Often Positive;
Speech That Opens Power.**

I. S.T.O.P. Grumbling and Complaining

A. Phil. 21:14:15; Cor. 10:10

B. I Thess. 5:8

II. S.T.O.P. Gossiping

A. Lev. 19:16; I Tim.5:13;Pr. 11:13a; 18:8;

B. Pr. 11:13b; 26:20

If you're tempted to reveal
A tale to you someone told
About another, make it pass
Before you speak, three gates of gold.
These narrow gates: First, Is it true?
Then, Is it needful? In your mind
Give truthful answers. And the next
Is last and narrowest, Is it kind?
And if to reach your lips at last
It passes thought these gateways three,
Then you may tell the tale not fear
What the result of speech may be.

III. S.T.O.P. lying

A. Prov. 6:17; Eph. 4:25a; Rev. 12:8

B. Pr. 12:19; Zech. 8:16;Eph. 4:25b

IV. S.T.O.P. Evil Speaking

A. Eph. 4:31; Ps. 34:13;Tit. 3:1-2;Ja. 4:11; IPet.2:1

B. Tit. 3:2b;2:8; Col. 4:6

V. S.T.O.P. Discouraging Words

A. Pr. 12:18a; 15:4b

B. Pr. 10:20,31; 12:18,b; 15:4a; Eph. 4:29

Conclusion: Pr. 18:21;21;23; Ja. 1:26;3:5,6,8,10