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Proverbs 26:22, **“The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.”**

Remember the old saying, *‘Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me?’* To my estimation, that saying is just not true. Words do hurt! Words can cut to the bone. A talebearer is one who goes about spreading gospel and lies, and half truths. They have nothing better to do than to spread their evilness, not caring if it hurts someone’s feelings or the damage it may do. Solomon said these words were **“as wounds.”** Sounds to me like we should never be a talebearer and run the risk of wounding someone.

For the words of a talebearer to **“go down into the innermost parts of the belly”** indicates they are wholly undesirable. The best thing to do is be careful of our words least it be said of us, **“for there is no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part is very wickedness; their throat is an open sepulchre; they flatter with their tongue”** (Psalm 5:9). Simply put: don’t be a talebearer. Remember the words of Solomon in Proverbs 26:20, **“Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out: so where there is no talebearer, the strife ceaseth.”** (*Think About IT!*)