

Even among the finest groups of Christians I have ever been associated with, how interested people are to become interested in little criticisms of other people. Hearing something that is detrimental and passing it on and spreading it and it grows as it spreads.

I always say that when something goes through three hands or threemouths, it is usually turned around to be just the opposite of what it was originally. Whenever anyone tells me something that is detrimental to somebody else, I usually say what's your evidence? Where did you hear that? Oh, so and so said it. How did he know it? Where did he hear it? Well, he heard it from somebody else! Let's not pass on those things. That is sin. God wants us to avoid these things. He wants us to fight against them.

We read in Heb. 12:3-4, "For consider Him that endured such contradiction of sinners against ~~you~~ himself lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. Ye have not yet resisted unto blood striving against sin." The Apostle here was writing to Christians primarily, I believe. The unbeliever can struggle against sin and he can't get victory over it, because victory comes through trusting Christ. It is impossible ~~for~~ for him really to get victory over it. But those who believe in Christ have been cleansed from their sins. The guilt of their sins past, present, and future has been laid on Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ has borne it. They are in God's sight as if they had not sinned. But within them there is still that tendency to sin.

Justification is instantaneous, but sanctification is a long process. Paul says, Ye have not resisted unto blood striving against sin."