



LESSON ELEVEN: THE SERIOUSNESS OF SLANDER

March Life in the Word Series:
'From Such Turn Away'



**FOUNDATION SCRIPTURE:
II TIMOTHY 3:1-5**



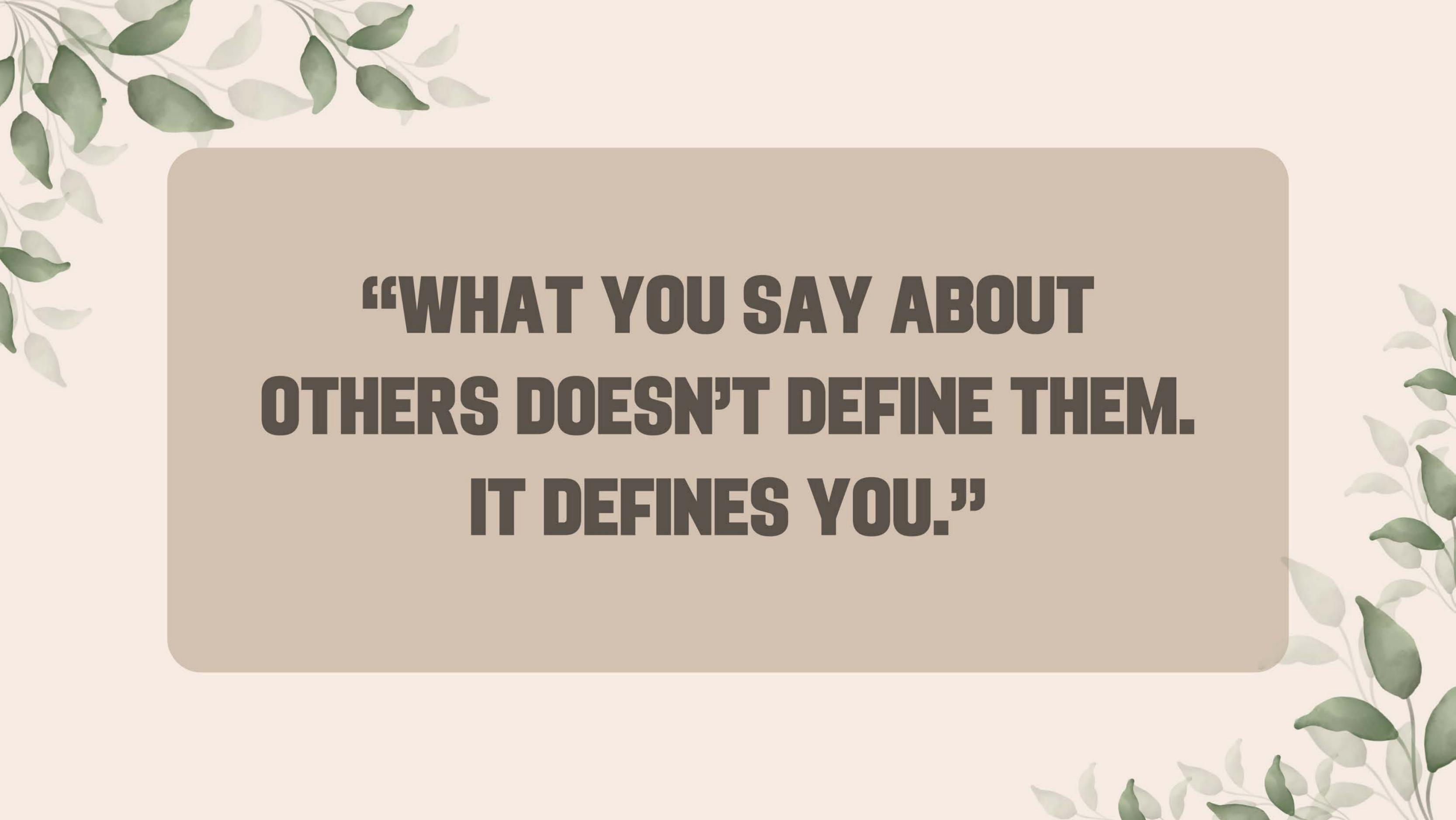
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But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come. For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

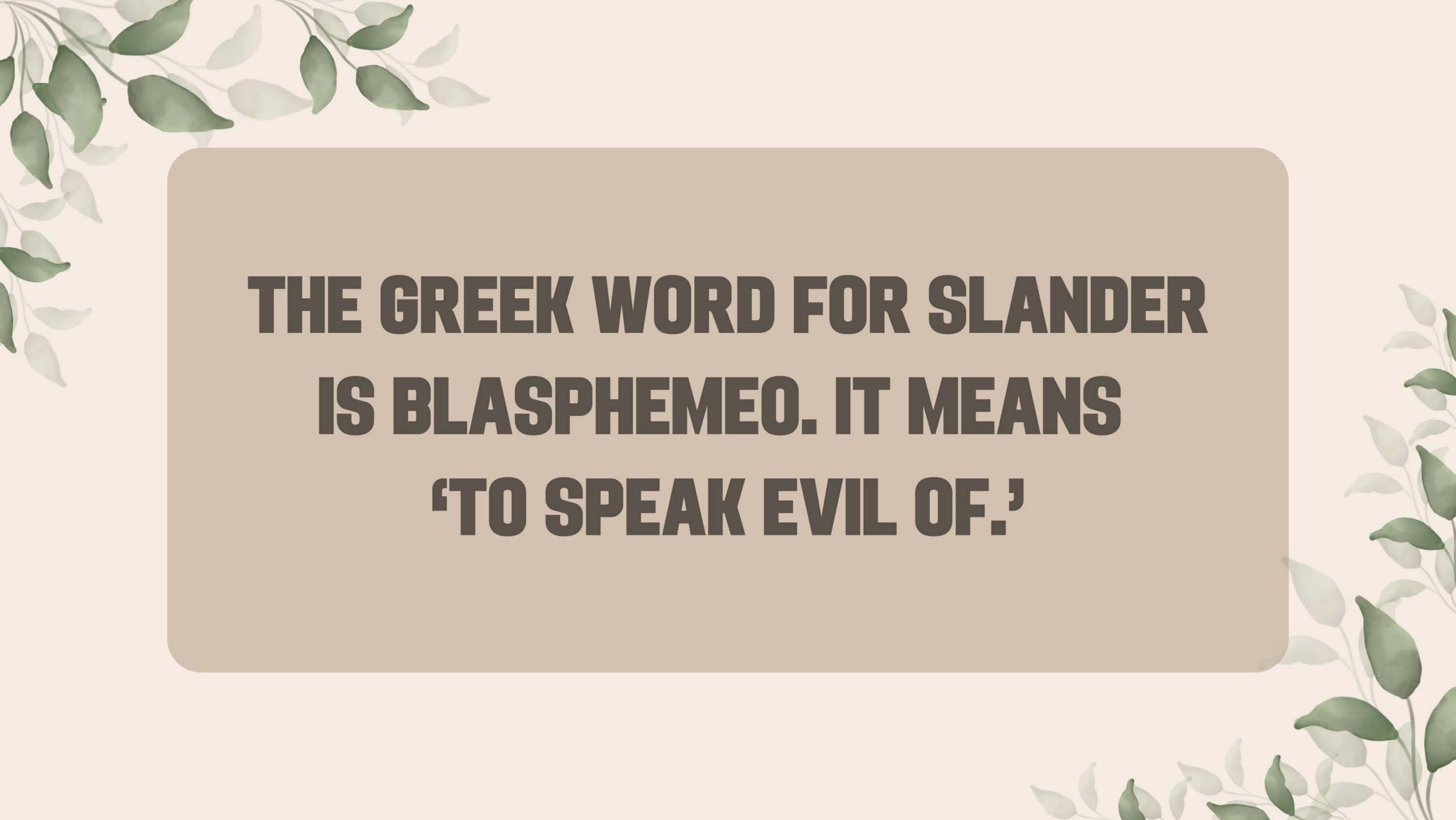




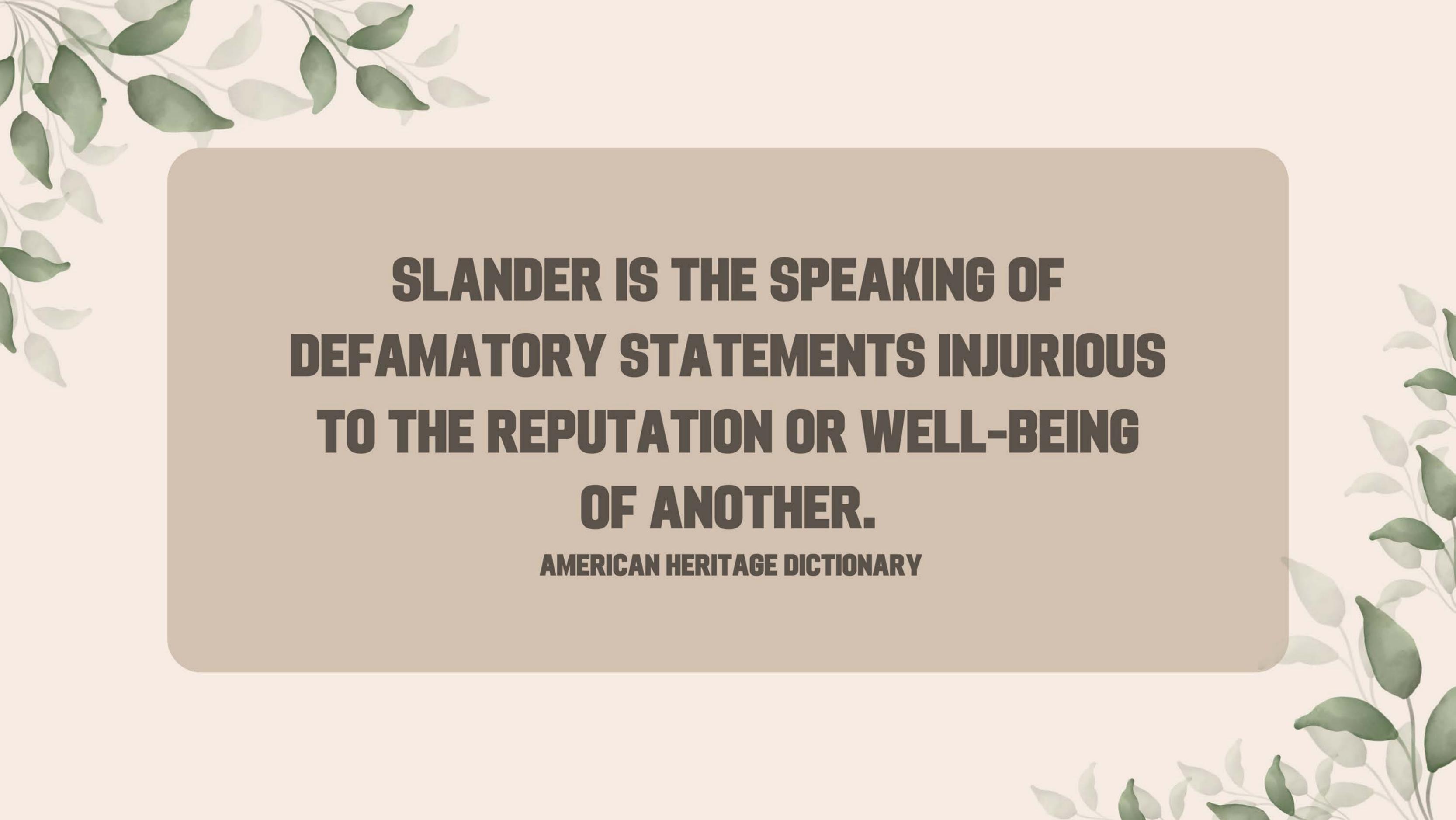
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**“WHAT YOU SAY ABOUT
OTHERS DOESN'T DEFINE THEM.
IT DEFINES YOU.”**



**THE GREEK WORD FOR SLANDER
IS BLASPHEMEO. IT MEANS
'TO SPEAK EVIL OF.'**



**SLANDER IS THE SPEAKING OF
DEFAMATORY STATEMENTS INJURIOUS
TO THE REPUTATION OR WELL-BEING
OF ANOTHER.**

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GENESIS 3:4-5

“You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of [the fruit] your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil”





“Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge.”

JAMES 4:11-12

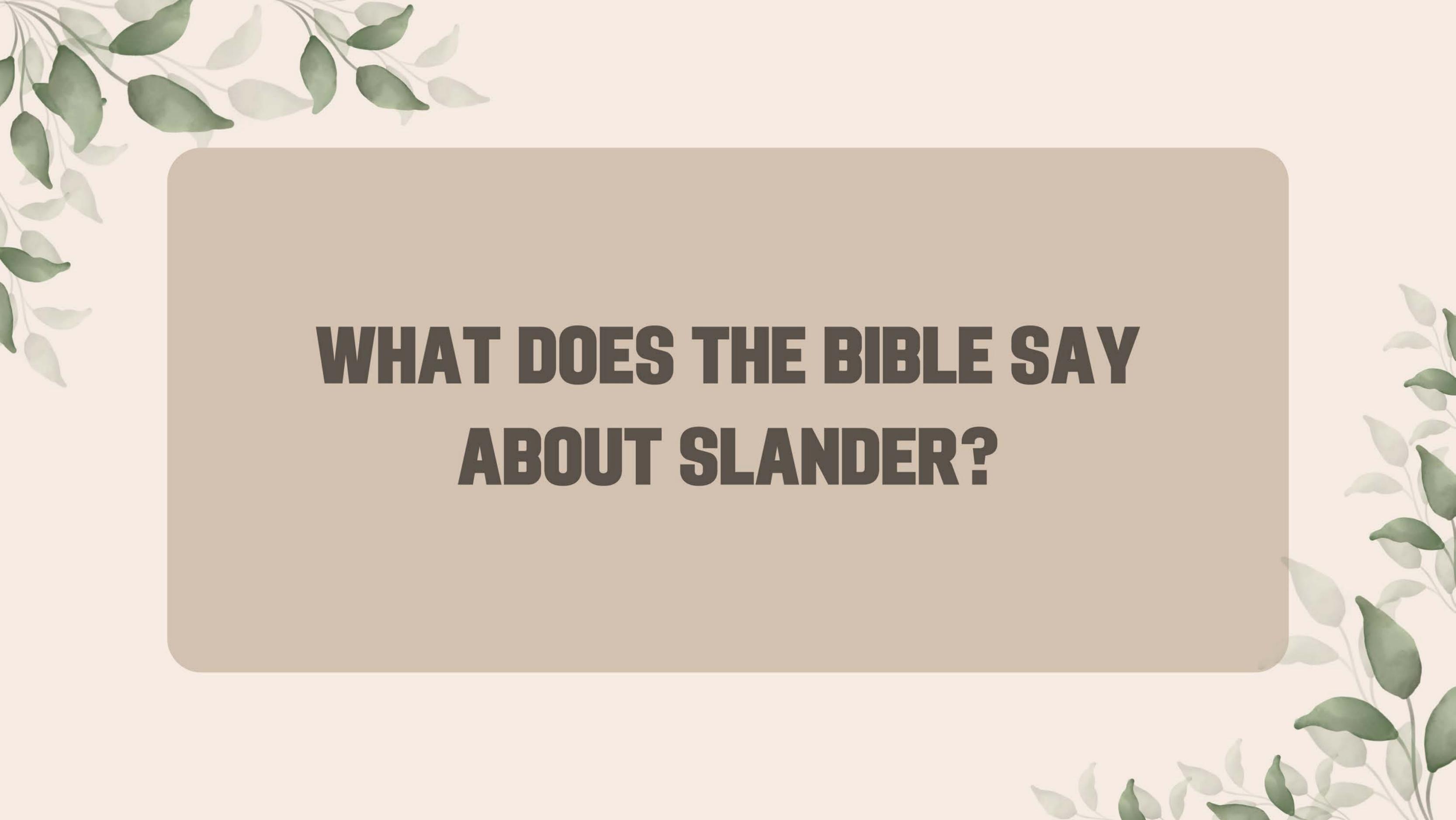




I PETER 2:1

So put away all malice and all deceit and
hypocrisy and envy and all slander.





**WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY
ABOUT SLANDER?**

“Let everyone be on guard against his neighbor,
And do not trust any brother; Because every
brother deals craftily, and every neighbor goes
about as a slanderer. Everyone deceives his
neighbor. And does not speak the truth, They
have taught their tongue to speak lies; they
weary themselves committing iniquity. “Your
dwelling is in the midst of deceit; Through deceit
they refuse to know Me,” declares the Lord.

JEREMIAH 9:4-6





PSALM 101:5

Whoever slanders his neighbor secretly I will destroy. Whoever has a haughty look and an arrogant heart, I will not endure.





PROVERBS 20:19

Whoever goes about slandering reveals secrets;
therefore, do not associate with a simple
babbler.





Whoever conceals hatred with lying lips and spreads slander is a fool.

PROVERBS 10:18



“I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak.”

MATTHEW 12:36





EPHESIANS 4:31

Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.





FORMS OF SLANDER

Giving an evil report

Talking about others behind their backs

Sharing defamatory information

Prideful remarks that demeans

Tattling



THREE REASONS WHY PEOPLE SLANDER

**1. We've Been Tricked By An
Untrustworthy Source.**

**THREE REASONS
WHY PEOPLE SLANDER**



**2. We Have Misunderstood Or
Misinterpreted Another Person.**

**THREE REASONS
WHY PEOPLE SLANDER**



3. We Choose To.

**THREE REASONS
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And see to it that your conscience is entirely clear, so that every time you are slandered or falsely accused, those who attack or disparage your good behavior in Christ will be shamed [by their own words].

I PETER 3:16





HOW TO RESPOND WHEN SLANDERED:



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1. Look Back Over Biblical History.





MATTHEW 5:11-12

“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”





HOW TO RESPOND WHEN SLANDERED:

2. Look Ahead and Live Right.



Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

1 PETER 2:12





HOW TO RESPOND WHEN SLANDERED:

3. Look Within and Remind Ourselves

Jesus Is Lord.

1 Peter 3:14-16





HOW TO RESPOND WHEN SLANDERED:

**4. Look Out There and Show Kindness.
I Corinthians 4:11-13**

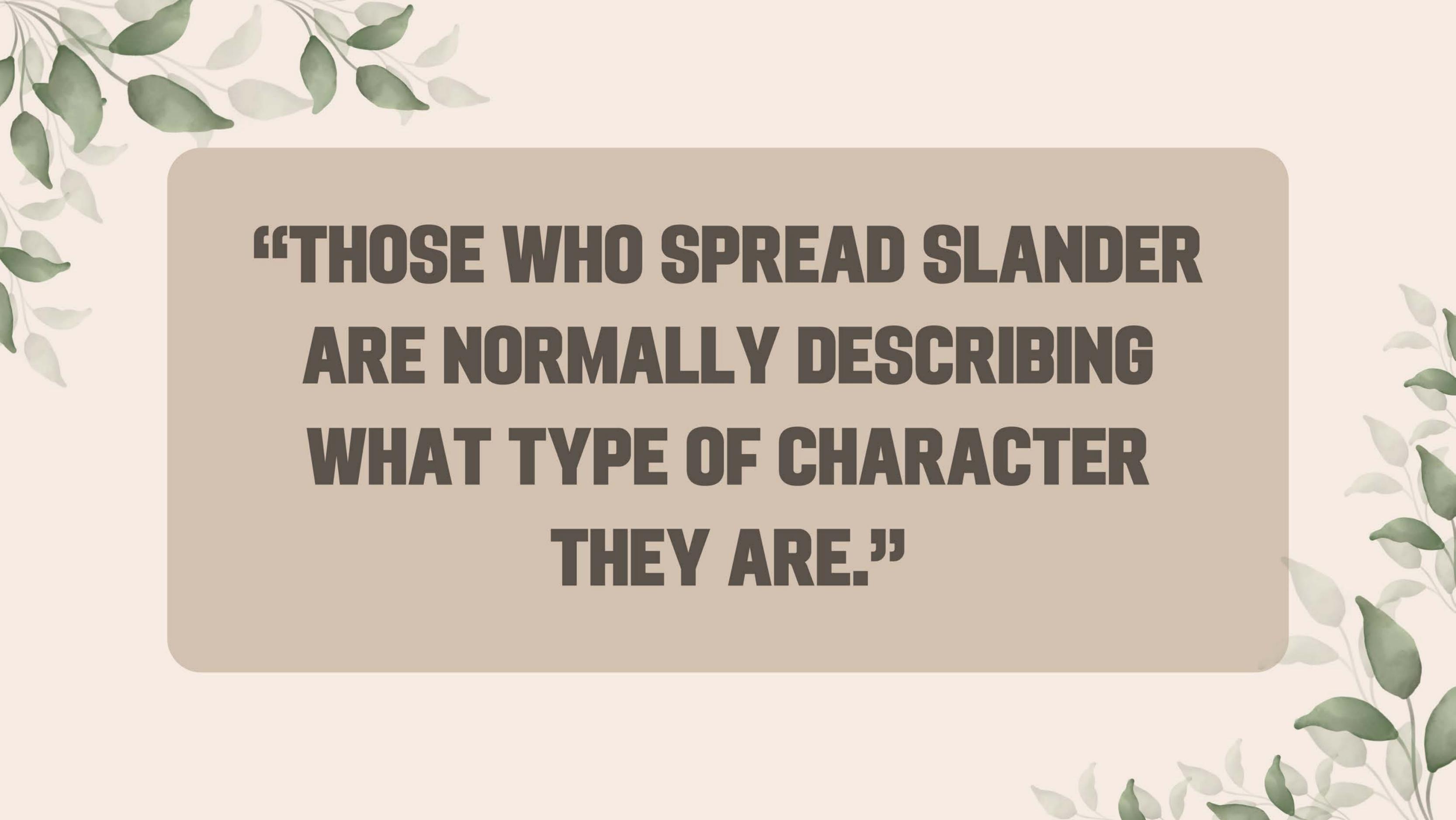




HOW TO RESPOND WHEN SLANDERED:

**5. Look Up and Trust God.
Acts 4:24-25, 29**





**“THOSE WHO SPREAD SLANDER
ARE NORMALLY DESCRIBING
WHAT TYPE OF CHARACTER
THEY ARE.”**



FOLLOW UP QUESTIONS:

1. What is your definition of slander?
2. Give one bible reference for slander.
3. List some forms of slander.
4. List reasons why people slander
5. Why is slander a serious sin?
6. What are some biblical ways you can respond when slandered?
7. How can you apply this lesson to your spiritual growth?

