



Day One

Listen to the episode. Read the following questions, and write your answers in the box provided.

Leadership brought status in those days, as it does today in most church circles. If you're the person at the front, people tend to respect you. Do you love people to respect you? If so, what drives your love of status? Is it healthy or unhealthy?

Reflection: The power of the tongue is so great that the person able to control it, is able to become a fully mature person. What is the connection between controlling one's tongue and spiritual maturity? How does your use of the tongue reflect how you have grown recently? Is God challenging you about the way in which you speak to people? If so, how will you respond. Write some reflections above. Prayer.

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A scoundrel plots evil, and his speech is like a scorching fire. A perverse man stirs up dissension, and a gossip separates close friends. Focus on the issue of gossip. What is it, and why is it so damaging?

Reflection: Gossip. Do you gossip? Do you justify gossip by telling yourself you're just interested in how other people are doing, perhaps? Take a moment to confess the sin of gossiping, and ask God for strength to resist the temptation to gossip behind other people's backs. Take positive action by asking God to help you over the next week to build people up, rather than talking about them when they're not there. Ask God for a pure heart to encourage and build people up with your words. Prayer.