

**“<sup>9</sup> If you argue your case with a neighbor, do not betray another man’s confidence,<sup>10</sup> or he who hears it may shame you and you will never lose your bad reputation.”**  
**(Proverbs 25:9-10)**

*Personal or confidential things that belong to others should not be disclosed or made known.*

*This is to be applied in the profession of doctors, lawyers, pastors, etc.*

*You need to speak your case to the person concerned, and not use other people confidential things and brings them on the surface.*

*People private things you should not be used as your personal things. Those who hears it may shame you and you will never lose your bad reputation. That will affect your reputation and no one will trust you after that. As well as, people personal things should not be used as material for gossip all around.*

*Those practicing such above profession like doctors, lawyers or pastors, they need to handle people information discretely to protect people confidential things.*

*But when the confidential or secret things are sins or crimes then Proverbs 25:9-10 is not applicable for the following reason:*

**1- “If a person sins because he does not speak up when he hears a public charge to testify regarding something he has seen or learned about, he will be held**

**responsible.” (Proverbs 5:1)** Crimes should not be hidden from police, because the criminal may cause more damage to others. Criminals should not be protected and their crimes should not be covered.

**2- “<sup>17</sup> For there is nothing hidden that will not be disclosed, and nothing concealed that will not be known or brought out into the open.” (Luke 8:17)** sin should not be condoned or covered; as well as God Himself is the one who will work it out to bring sin to the surface and expose crimes.

**3- “<sup>2</sup> There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. <sup>3</sup> What you have said in the dark will be heard in the daylight, and what you have whispered in the ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed from the roofs.” (Luke 12:2-3)** Therefore we should not give a promise for criminals or wrong doers that their crimes or sins we will cover up.

### **My Prayer**

**Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord gives me discretion that I should not betray confidence of the secret things of other. As well as Lord gives me discretion not to give promise to protect criminals or wrong doers of what they did from crimes. Lord give me boldness to speak up when it is needed, this all I ask and pray in Jesus name, Amen.**

# The Lord Is My Shepherd

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**“A gossip betrays a confidence,  
but a trustworthy man keeps a secret.”**

**(Proverbs 11:13)**



**“Be very careful, then, how you live—  
not as unwise but as wise.”**

**(Ephesians 5:15)**

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