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Could it be wrong to share information which is absolutely true about someone, with someone else?

Unfortunately, some people believe simply because something is absolutely true about a person, he/she is free to say whatever he/she desires, to whomever is willing to listen. Anyone who has that belief, then acts on it, is very much wrong.

Why would speaking the absolute truth about someone, to someone else, be wrong?

Even though the information to be shared is absolutely true about someone, it could be considered a sin of detraction and/or insult. A sin of detraction occurs when a person makes known the faults of someone else, void of good reason for doing so. And, an insult happens when the person who is being spoken about is refused respect and protection of his/her good name. Both seriously disregard the virtue of charity.

Therefore, it is incorrect to suppose if something is absolutely true about someone else, I have the liberty to spread it around to whomever I wish.

A “good rule of thumb” which we surely learned long ago, is if you cannot say something good about someone else, it is better not to say anything about that person.

With the help of the Lord, may all of us carefully select what to say, when to say it, and if it should be said at all. If we do carefully make such a selection, then there will be less pain in the world, than already exists.

Remember: “Great minds discuss ideas. Average minds discuss events. Small minds discuss people.” Eleanor Roosevelt.

Peace.  
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