



Elephants in the Room 2020

Part 4: Conspiracy Theories

What is a conspiracy theory?

An explanation of events with little to no evidence based on hidden information that is suppressed by powerful people.

Why do we want to believe in conspiracy theories?

- 1. A need for understanding.**
- 2. A need for control.**
- 3. A need to feel important.**

How to spot a conspiracy theory:

**Sensational topics, insinuations without proof,
Creepy YouTube videos, memes without sources,
unverified photos, edited videos.**

Why should we be careful with conspiracy theories?

1. Bearing false witness is a sin.

Exodus 20:16

Proverbs 17:4

**Why should we be careful
with conspiracy theories?**

2. Your Christian witness can be harmed.

Colossians 4:5

James 1:26

Why should we be careful with conspiracy theories?

3. It can be a distraction from your real purpose.

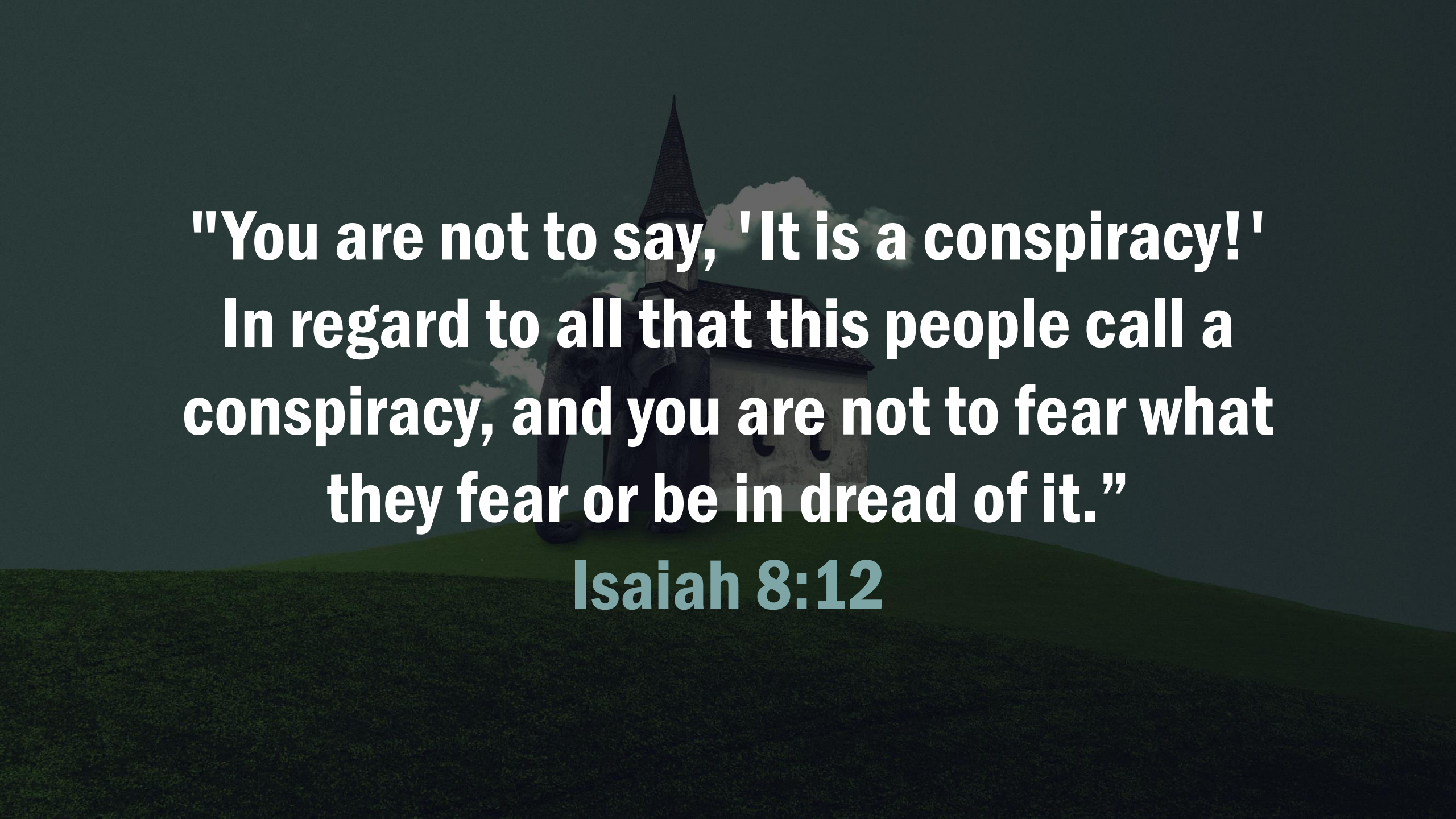
Hebrews 12:1-2

Philippians 4:8

Why should we be careful with conspiracy theories?

4. People can get hurt.

1 Timothy 6:20-21

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**"You are not to say, 'It is a conspiracy!'
In regard to all that this people call a
conspiracy, and you are not to fear what
they fear or be in dread of it."**

Isaiah 8:12



Are you responding to conspiracy theories the way a Christian should?