

Wisdom and Respect

Proverbs 24 pt 4

“He who gives an honest answer gives a kiss on the lips.” -Proverbs 24:26

As you think over your verbal communication, why is it important to use our words wisely?

*Words hold p_____ *Avoid misunderstandings *Communicate e_____

“If anyone speaks, let it be as one who speaks God’s words; if anyone serves, let it be from the strength God provides, so that God may be glorified through Jesus Christ in everything. To him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.” -1 Peter 4:11

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21-22 My son, fear the LORD, as well as the king, and don’t associate with rebels, for destruction will come suddenly from them; who knows what distress these two can bring?

What two topics is the father addressing in these verses?

Fear: Reverence for the Lord and respect for government leaders; Notice the order, #1 the Lord, as well #2 the king. A proper relationship with God produces good citizenship, but an unruly citizen violates God’s commandment to Love the Lord.

How should we respond if the government is telling us to do something contrary to God’s Word?

➤ Daniel 3:18; Acts 5:29

F_____: The people we interact with; don’t associate with rebels, NKJV don’t associate with those given to change. Those who want to overthrow the system.

➤ Psalm 1:1; 1 Corinthians 15:33

Why should we fear the Lord and government, and watch who we fellowship with?

#1 D_____ will come suddenly from them.

#2 Unknown d_____ from the Lord and the king.

“People should fear both God and the government, for both punish rebels.”

➤ Romans 13:1-7

23-25 These sayings also belong to the wise: It is not good to show partiality in judgment. Whoever says to the guilty, “You are innocent”—peoples will curse him, and nations will denounce him; but it will go well with those who convict the guilty, and a generous blessing will come to them.

Here the writer emphasizes the importance of true justice.

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Partiality: unfair bias in favor of one thing or person compared with another; f_____, negative or positive; in this verse he is referring to an improper /negative judgement. Discretion, law ordinance, justice.

Notice the illustration and consequence:

From a negative perspective he says, **whoever says to the guilty, “You are innocent”—peoples will curse him, and nations will denounce him;**

Whether it is in the formal courtroom or in our daily task, we should be aware of what we say about the wicked and the innocent because they are attached to a burden or a blessing.

Why is it a challenge for so many to call wrong, wrong and right, right?

*M_____ *Fear of rejection *lack of u_____

➤ Exodus 23:2-3; James 3:17

On the other hand he says, **but it will go well with those who convict the guilty, and a generous blessing will come to them.**

What are some ways the public would benefit from having leaders who govern and judge without showing favoritism to the rich or wicked?

*Increased confidence *Increased m_____ *Safety and well being

➤ Deut. 1:17; 1 Timothy 5:21

26 He who gives an honest answer gives a kiss on the lips.

What is the main idea of this verse?

*The _____ of a right response.

*The right answer comes from the _____, just like a friendly and welcoming _____.

➤ Romans 16:16; 1 Corinthians 16:20

A kiss is a sign of affection and trust and God wants His people to speak truth and love at all times.

***What is love without truth?** H _____

***What is truth without love?** B _____

When done intentionally, both of these are sinful and should be avoided at all cost.

How can we speak love and truth today?

*Speak with k _____ and r _____ *Be honest but gentle

*L _____ before you speak *Encourage and affirm *Be v _____

➤ Ephesians 4:29; 1 Thess. 5:11; Hebrews 10:24-25

27 Complete your outdoor work, and prepare your field; afterward, build your house.

What is the main idea of this verse?

*Order your w _____ wisely.

*Do nothing without a p _____.

Before a house is built, proper p _____ must be made. Wisdom tells us that work should be done with proper planning and in the proper order. (1 Kings 5:1-18)

Outdoor work: plowing the land, planting gardens so the land produces fruit. Fruit is equal to I _____.

What practical rule does this teach us?

*P _____ before C _____

When it comes to planning what are some temptations we might encounter?

*looking for s _____

*Go straight to building

*R _____

*Coveting

How can we apply this to our spiritual lives?

*Accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, then _____ your life.

➤ Luke 14:28-30; Matthew 6:33; 1 Corinthians 14:40

What is one thing you learned that you are willing to share with someone else?

*“Therefore the Lord GOD said: “Look, I have laid a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation; the one who believes will be unshakable.”-
Isaiah 28:16*