

Wisdom before Kings and Judges

Proverbs 25 pt 2

"A word spoken at the right time is like gold apples in silver settings." -Proverbs 25:11

As you reflect on your communication skills, what are some things you do to say the right word at the right time?

*Listen d_____

*Read the room

*P_____ before you speak

*Keep a mental phrasebook

*P_____ makes natural

"Words are powerful, but only if you use them wisely."

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8-10 Don't take a matter to court hastily. Otherwise, what will you do afterward if your opponent humiliates you? Make your case with your opponent without revealing another's secret; otherwise, the one who hears will disgrace you, and you'll never live it down.

What is the warning of this verse?

*Don't be q_____ to s_____.

✧ **Hastily:** at once, soon, speedily, suddenly or in a hurry.

Why is it in our best interest not to be so quick to take someone to court?

*It might b_____; what will you do afterward if your opponent h_____ you? Have you considered what resources or information they have?

✧ **Humiliate:** disgrace, to shame, insult, or dishonor

Instead of rushing to court, how should we handle someone who has wronged us?

✧ **Be h_____**

#1 Make your case with your opponent and a_____ with them.

#2 Don't share their f_____ with other people. **without revealing another's secret;**

➤ Matthew 5:25-26; 18:15-17; Romans 12:18-19

11-12 A word spoken at the right time is like gold apples in silver settings. A wise correction to a receptive ear is like a gold ring or an ornament of gold.

What is a timely word?

*One that fits the m_____ with precision, emotionally, socially, or intellectually. It might offer comfort in a tough moment, insight during confusion, or motivation when spirits are low.

Notice the comparison of the power of a timely word:

✧ G_____ apples in S_____ settings.

The right word at the right time is like a beautiful piece of jewelry. It not only has the power to heal, but also to strengthen, guide, and rescue a person's life.

Solomon says, it's so good even a wise correction can be a sight to behold.

Where does this kind of wisdom come from to make correction sound good?

*A_____; James 3:17

When using wise correction, what is also needed for the word to have a positive impact?

*A r_____ ear.

Receptive: attentively, call gather together, to hear intelligently, to hear with obedience.

"The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are instructed to know how to sustain the weary with a word. He awakens me each morning; he awakens my ear to listen like those being instructed." -Isaiah 50:4

How can a word at the wrong time impact communication effectiveness?

*Missed emotional window *Diminished I_____ *Unintended offense

*Loss of trust or c_____

➤ Colossians 4:6; Ephesians 4:29

"I would rather be with the right person at the wrong time, than with the wrong person at the right time."

13 To those who send him, a trustworthy envoy is like the coolness of snow on a harvest day; he refreshes the life of his masters.

What is a trustworthy envoy?

*Ambassador, messenger, representative, herald or errand-doer acting on behalf of another individual, group or country.

*He is beloved by the one who s_____ the message.

Notice the comparison of being refreshed

✧ Like the c_____ of snow on a h_____ day.

Harvest day is a time of very intense work. Collecting crops to be processed for the upcoming winter required physical labor. However, in the ancient world, it was more strenuous than today. To make matters worse, they didn't have access to ice machines and cold water to keep them cool while they worked. As a result, some of the workers would travel to the mountains to get ice and snow to keep their co-workers cool.

Solomon is saying just like the cool snow r_____ the workers, so it is with faithful and trustworthy people, they r_____ their masters.

What parallels do you see between this verse and Christians today?

*We are to be f_____ stewards.

*We are to r_____ others with the good news of Jesus Christ.

➤ 1 Corinthians 4:1-2; 16:17-18; Matthew 28:19

How would the opposite of this verse look in someones life?

*Someone causing f_____ and pain.

*Someone being a b_____ representative and sending the wrong message.

➤ Proverbs 10:26

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

“Therefore, be imitators of God, as dearly loved children, and walk in love, as Christ also loved us and gave himself for us, a sacrificial and fragrant offering to God.”-Ephesians 5:1-2