

Wisdom before Kings and Judges

Proverbs 25 pt 3

"Seldom set foot in your neighbor's house; otherwise, he'll get sick of you and hate you." -Proverbs 25:17

As you reflect on your friendships, what are some important boundaries to respect at all times?

*E _____ space

*Time and availability

*Privacy

*Personal values

*Saying _____

"Friends... they cherish one another's hopes. They are kind to one another's dreams."

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14 The one who boasts about a gift that does not exist is like clouds and wind without rain.

What type of person is King Solomon referring to in this verse?

*The B _____

Sadly, there some people who want to be r _____ and a _____ for their giving. Then there are others who give s _____ gifts and want to be known as those who give l _____ amounts.

Who in the Bible displayed this behavior?

* _____ & _____ Acts 5:1-11

What does King Solomon compare the boasters to?

* _____ and _____ without _____.

When it comes to our giving, how should we give?

*C _____ 2 Cor. 9:7 *D _____ Matt. 6:3 *S _____ Mark 12:44

What is the main lesson of this verse?

*Never make a f _____ promise

➤ Matthew 5:37

15 A ruler can be persuaded through patience, and a gentle tongue can break a bone.

What is the main idea of this proverb?

*P _____ & g _____ are more powerful than you think.

Patience: Length of anger, long, forbearance, forevermore. Some examples of patience in ministry include precision in worship, stewardship of time, patience in character, and eschatological hope.

On a scale of 1-10 how long is your anger? 1 short fuse and 10 long fuse _____

How can someone demonstrate patience with a ruler?

*Not rushing to c _____ *Delaying f _____ *Waiting for the right time

➤ Ephesians 4:2; Colossians 3:13-15

Gentle: soft, tender hearted, one

One of the reasons there are so many fights, arguments, and violence is because people are quick to respond insults and slow to respond with grace and gentleness.

How can you break the tension with someone by being gentle?

*Tone of v _____ *Empathetic language *Validate f _____

*Gentle curiosity

➤ 1 Samuel 25:33

16 If you find honey, eat only what you need; otherwise, you'll get sick from it and vomit.

What valuable lesson does King Solomon teach in this verse?

*Too m _____ of anything can be b _____; practice moderation!

Honey: Symbol of abundance, blessing, delight, and spiritual sweetness.

God promised Israel numerous times that He would give them a land flowing with milk and honey. Honey sweetened cakes, accompanied curds, and refreshed weary soldiers. Honey was also a food that was dedicated to the Lord. However, we are not to over indulge or idolize its physical delights.

➤ Psalm 19:10

What are some others things that are good but too much or misuse can make you sick?

*F _____

*Wine

*Caffeine

*V _____

*Sunlight

➤ 1 Corinthians 6:12; 1 Timothy 4:4

Why should we be careful of eating, drinking, or enjoying life's pleasures too much?

***you'll get _____ from it and vomit.**

➤ Ecclesiastes 7:16-18

17 Seldom set foot in your neighbor's house; otherwise, he'll get sick of you and hate you.

What is the warning of this proverb?

***Not to take advantage of your neighbor's h_____.**

Another phrase for this is "Don't w_____ out your w_____."

This happens when someone exploits a host's good will and becomes a nuisance. In biblical days, host's were expected to be gracious, generous, and helpful to visitors. However, this verse teaches us that a host will not always enjoy these obligations.

➤ Luke 7:44

What are some ways we can wear out our welcome?

***Staying _____ long**

***Monopolizing conversations**

***Not taking c_____**

*Over asking for favors *Showing up un_____ *Ignoring boundaries

➤ 1 Timothy 5:13

How can we better read social cues to know when to leave?

*Body language shifts *Energy d_____ *Task switching

*Conversation feels f_____ *Verbal cues

➤ Luke 10:5-7

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

“Let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or a meddler. But if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed but let him glorify God in having that name.” -1 Peter 4:15-16