

WISDOM THAT WORKS

PROVERBS #50

Wisdom in Relationships Pt. 8

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Pro. 4:7 Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

- **Wisdom** is the ability to apply God's truth to life.

REVIEW

14. When you see that a potential argument is coming, do all you can to avoid it.

Pro. 17:14 The beginning of strife is as when one letteth out water: therefore leave off contention, before it be meddled with.

15. Don't allow yourself to be sucked into an argument by someone who desires to start one.

Pro. 26:21 As coals are to burning coals, and wood to fire; so is a contentious man to kindle strife.

16. The wife has a great deal of power as to the spirit and temperature of the home and marriage.

Pro. 27:15 A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike.

THIS WEEK'S LESSON

17. Be open to the _____ and

_____ of people who are close to you.

Pro. 27:6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.

- **Our verse tells us of a wound that is better than a kiss.**
 - There is a difference in **where** it came from.
 - The **wound** is from a _____.
 - The **kiss** is from an _____.
 - There is a difference in **why** it came.
 - The wound is _____.
 - The kiss is _____.
- ***It is better for a friend to take a chance on wounding us by telling us the truth, then someone who we think is our friend who will encourage us to continue down the wrong path.***

Pro. 27:9 Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart: so doth the sweetness of a man's friend by hearty counsel.

- **Charles Spurgeon-** *“Give me for a friend a man that will speak honestly of me before my face; who will not tell first one neighbor, and then another, but who will come straight to my house and say: ‘I feel that there is wrong in you, my brother, that I must tell you of’, that man is a true friend.”*

18. Be sensitive to people’s _____ and _____ of life.

Pro. 27:14 He that blesseth his friend with a loud voice, rising early in the morning, it shall be counted a curse to him.

- **In this verse, the problem with the conflicts in relationships is not what has been said but;**

- _____ *it is said.*
- _____ *it is said*
- Let me give a few thoughts about dealing with something at the right time.
 - Don't discuss a situation when either one is _____.
 - Don't discuss a situation when either one is _____.
 - Don't discuss a situation in _____ of others.
 - Don't discuss a situation if one person _____ not to do it right then.
 - Don't discuss a situation when the relationship is already on _____.

19. Be careful about being _____ to start a conflict.

Pro. 25:8 Go not forth hastily to strive, lest thou know not what to do in the end thereof, when thy neighbour hath put thee to shame.

Jam. 1:19-20 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:

- **Several thoughts are here;**
 - **Don't rush into a conflict because your _____ tell you to.**

Go not forth hastily to strive . . .

Pro. 30:33 Surely the churning of milk bringeth forth butter, and the wringing of the nose bringeth forth blood: so the forcing of wrath bringeth forth strife.

- **It's easier to get it started then to actually _____ it.**

. . . lest thou know not what to do in the end thereof . . .

- **When you are emotionally charged to start a conflict, you are usually going to _____ it.**

. . . when thy neighbour hath put thee to shame.

20. Deal with relationship issues _____ with the individual that you have the issue with.

Pro. 25:9 Debate thy cause with thy neighbour himself; and discover not a secret to another:

Gen. 45:1 Then Joseph could not refrain himself before all them that stood by him; and he cried, Cause every man to go out from me. And there stood no man with him, while Joseph made himself known unto his brethren.

- Getting others involved:
 - Doesn't _____ the problem.
 - _____ problems for others.
 - Damages the _____ of Christ.
 - Isn't _____.

21. Don't let your disputes or conflicts go _____, or be in _____, as that causes a damaged reputation.

Pro. 25:10 Lest he that heareth it put thee to shame, and thine infamy turn not away.