

## ***PROVERBS - LIVING BY THE WISDOM OF CHRIST***

### **Lesson Nine - Attitudes**

#### **1. Strife**

##### **A. What causes strife between people?**

**Proverbs 10:12** Hatred stirs up dissension, but love covers over all wrongs.

**Proverbs 16:28** A perverse man stirs up dissension, and a gossip separates close friends.

**Proverbs 26:20** Without wood a fire goes out; without gossip a quarrel dies down.

**Proverbs 22:10** Drive out the mocker, and out goes strife; quarrels and insults are ended.

**Proverbs 17:14** Starting a quarrel is like breaching a dam; so drop the matter before a dispute breaks out.

**Proverbs 26:21** As charcoal to embers and as wood to fire, so is a quarrelsome man for kindling strife.

**Proverbs 17:19** He who loves a quarrel loves sin; he who builds a high gate invites destruction.

**Proverbs 27:17** As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.

##### **B. What dampens strife between people?**

**Proverbs 17:9** He who covers over an offense promotes love, but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends.

**Proverbs 18:18 Casting the lot settles disputes and keeps strong opponents apart.**

## **2. Temper**

### **A. What sins can temper cause**

**Proverbs 29:22 An angry man stirs up dissension, and a hot-tempered one commits many sins.**

**Proverbs 16:29 A violent man entices his neighbor and leads him down a path that is not good.**

**Proverbs 21:7 The violence of the wicked will drag them away, for they refuse to do what is right.**

**Proverbs 29:11 A fool gives full vent to his anger, but a wise man keeps himself under control.**

### **B. Why is revenge a selfish evil?**

**Proverbs 17:13 If a man pays back evil for good, evil will never leave his house.**

**Proverbs 20:22 Do not say, "I'll pay you back for this wrong!" Wait for the LORD, and he will deliver you.**

**Proverbs 24:29 Do not say, "I'll do to him as he has done to me; I'll pay that man back for what he did."**

**Proverbs 24:17 Do not gloat when your enemy falls; when he stumbles, do not let your heart rejoice, <sup>18</sup> or the LORD will see and disapprove and turn his wrath away from him.**

## **3. Patience**

**Proverbs 15:18** A hot-tempered man stirs up dissension, but a patient man calms a quarrel.

**Proverbs 19:11** A man's wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense.

**Proverbs 25:15** Through patience a ruler can be persuaded, and a gentle tongue can break a bone.

#### 4. Kindness and Gentleness

**Proverbs 18:1** An unfriendly man pursues selfish ends; he defies all sound judgment.

**Proverbs 11:17** A kind man benefits himself, but a cruel man brings trouble on himself.

**Proverbs 11:16** A kindhearted woman gains respect, but ruthless men gain only wealth.

**Proverbs 14:21** He who despises his neighbor sins, but blessed is he who is kind to the needy.

**Proverbs 19:17** He who is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward him for what he has done.

**Proverbs 12:10** A righteous man cares for the needs of his animal, but the kindest acts of the wicked are cruel.

#### 5. Generosity

**Proverbs 11:24** One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. <sup>25</sup> A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed. <sup>26</sup> People curse the man who

hoards grain, but blessing crowns him who is willing to sell.

**Proverbs 21:13** If a man shuts his ears to the cry of the poor, he too will cry out and not be answered.

**Proverbs 22:9** A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.

**Proverbs 25:21** If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat; if he is thirsty, give him water to drink. <sup>22</sup> In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head, and the LORD will reward you.

**Proverbs 22:16** He who oppresses the poor to increase his wealth and he who gives gifts to the rich--both come to poverty.

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## 6. Friendship

**Proverbs 25:19** Like a bad tooth or a lame foot is reliance on the unfaithful in times of trouble.

**Proverbs 20:6** Many a man claims to have unfailing love, but a faithful man who can find?

**Proverbs 18:24** A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

**Proverbs 17:17** A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

**Proverbs 27:9** Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and the pleasantness of one's friend springs from his earnest counsel.

**Proverbs 27:6** Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses.

**Proverbs 28:23** He who rebukes a man will in the end gain more favor than he who has a flattering tongue.

**7. True Colors**

**Proverbs 27:19** As water reflects a face, so a man's heart reflects the man.

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### **Lesson Ten - Taming the Tongue**

#### **1. Lies and Deceit**

##### **A. People desire others to be honest and not to lie**

**Proverbs 19:22** What a man desires is unflinching love ; better to be poor than a liar.

**Proverbs 13:5** The righteous hate what is false, but the wicked bring shame and disgrace.

##### **B. God hates lies and dishonesty, too**

**Proverbs 19:9** A false witness will not go unpunished, and he who pours out lies will perish.

**Proverbs 21:28** A false witness will perish, and whoever listens to him will be destroyed forever.

**Proverbs 19:28** A corrupt witness mocks at justice, and the mouth of the wicked gulps down evil.

##### **C. Lies hurt other people**

**Proverbs 25:18** Like a club or a sword or a sharp arrow is the man who gives false testimony against his neighbor.

**Proverbs 24:28** Do not testify against your neighbor without cause, or use your lips to deceive. <sup>29</sup> Do not say, "I'll do to him as he has done to me; I'll pay that man back for what he did."

**Proverbs 26:28** A lying tongue hates those it hurts, and a flattering mouth

works ruin.

**Proverbs 29:5** Whoever flatters his neighbor is spreading a net for his feet.

**Proverbs 26:24** A malicious man disguises himself with his lips, but in his heart he harbors deceit. <sup>25</sup> Though his speech is charming, do not believe him, for seven abominations fill his heart. <sup>26</sup> His malice may be concealed by deception, but his wickedness will be exposed in the assembly.

## 2. Slander and Gossip

**Proverbs 10:18** He who conceals his hatred has lying lips, and whoever spreads slander is a fool.

**Proverbs 30:10** "Do not slander a servant to his master, or he will curse you, and you will pay for it.

**Proverb 20:19** A gossip betrays a confidence; so avoid a man who talks too much.

**Proverbs 26:22** The words of a gossip are like choice morsels; they go down to a man's inmost parts.

**Proverbs 26:20** Without wood a fire goes out; without gossip a quarrel dies down.

**Proverbs 25:9** If you argue your case with a neighbor, do not betray another man's confidence, or he who hears it may shame you and you will never lose your bad reputation.

## 3. Holding Your Tongue

**Proverbs 10:19** When words are many, sin is not absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise.

**Proverbs 11:12** A man who lacks judgment derides his neighbor, but a man

of understanding holds his tongue.

Proverbs 17:28 Even a fool is thought wise if he keeps silent, and discerning if he holds his tongue.

Proverbs 17:27 A man of knowledge uses words with restraint, and a man of understanding is even-tempered.

Proverbs 18:13 He who answers before listening-- that is his folly and his shame.

Proverbs 29:20 Do you see a man who speaks in haste? There is more hope for a fool than for him.

Proverbs 26:17 Like one who seizes a dog by the ears is a passer-by who meddles in a quarrel not his own.

#### 4. Speaking the Truth

Proverbs 12:22 The LORD detests lying lips, but he delights in men who are truthful.

Proverbs 20:15 Gold there is, and rubies in abundance, but lips that speak knowledge are a rare jewel.

Proverbs 12:18 Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

Proverbs 26:18 Like a madman shooting firebrands or deadly arrows <sup>19</sup> is a man who deceives his neighbor and says, "I was only joking!"

Proverbs 10:32 The lips of the righteous know what is fitting, but the mouth of the wicked only what is perverse.

Proverbs 11:9 With his mouth the godless destroys his neighbor, but through knowledge the righteous escape.



**Proverbs 15:7** The lips of the wise spread knowledge; not so the hearts of fools.

**Proverbs 24:26** An honest answer is like a kiss on the lips.

**Proverbs 18:20** From the fruit of his mouth a man's stomach is filled; with the harvest from his lips he is satisfied. <sup>21</sup> The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

**Proverbs 16:1** To man belong the plans of the heart, but from the LORD comes the reply of the tongue.

#### **5. Comforting Speech**

**Proverbs 14:10** Each heart knows its own bitterness, and no one else can share its joy.

**Proverbs 14:13** Even in laughter the heart may ache, and joy may end in grief.

**Proverbs 12:25** An anxious heart weighs a man down, but a kind word cheers him up.

**Proverbs 15:23** A man finds joy in giving an apt reply-- and how good is a timely word!

**Proverbs 16:24** Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.

**Proverbs 25:11** A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver.

**Proverbs 25:20** Like one who takes away a garment on a cold day, or like vinegar poured on soda, is one who sings songs to a heavy heart.