

Handling the Future, Honor, and Wisdom Proverbs 27 pt 2

"The wounds of a friend are trustworthy, but the kisses of an enemy are excessive." -
Proverbs 27:6

As you reflect on your relationships, past and present, what are some indicators of someone who is a real friend?

*Emotional Support & T____ *Honest Communication *Loyalty & Con_____

*Shared Joy & Comfort

"There is nothing on this earth more to be prized than true friendship."

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5 Better an open reprimand than concealed love.

What is King Solomon comparing in this verse?

➤ Open R_____ vs. Concealed L_____

What is reprimand?

Correction, reasoning, rebuke, verbal confrontation that both exposes wrong and appeals for change. It can range from orderly legal argument to sharp prophetic rebuke. It is a form of restoration.

What is love?

An act of the will, showing initiative in covenant loyalty, loyal commitment, family affection and devotion to God.

Why is it better to have someone openly correct us than love us secretly?

- ✓ The highest form of I_____ must express itself even in times of correction.
- ✓ Love that hides is w_____, has no value, professes not to see, and remains silent.

What are some examples of open reprimand?

➤ Leviticus 19:17; Matthew 18:15; Galatians 2:11-14

6 The wounds of a friend are trustworthy, but the kisses of an enemy are excessive.

What are some contrast of this verse?

Wounds vs. K_____; Friend vs. E_____; Trustworthy vs. E_____

Notice how King Solomon uses this verse to build on the previous verse:

A true friendship sometimes means telling others hard truths, they aren't eager to hear. When correction or rebuke is motivated by sincere love, it is the mark of friendship.

Wounds: A scar from physical impact.

Friend: Close confidant, someone who encourages not discourages; provides genuine support and help in times of need.

What are some indicators of someone is not a true friend?

*Only reach out when they n_____ something *G_____ about you or others

*Make you feel g_____ for setting boundaries *Excessive flattery

The main point to remember is, anyone can be insincere and offer affirmation regardless of the situation. Unfortunately, this is a tactic used to disguise ill intent.

Can you think of some biblical examples of kisses from an enemy?

➤ 2 Samuel 15:12; Psalm 41:9; Mark 14:44-45

7 A person who is full tramples on a honeycomb, but to a hungry person, any bitter thing is sweet.

What are some contrast in this verse?

A person who is f_____ vs. A person who is h_____; Sweet vs. B_____

Rich vs. Poor

This proverb teaches us two lessons:

When people are satisfied, either materially or physically, they find it easy to hate or reject things that would be otherwise a_____.

When people are in need, they will appreciate almost anything.

How can this proverb be applied to our spiritual development?

When we are satisfied by the flesh, world, and lust we trampled on spiritual matters.

When we are truly h_____ for the truth we feast on all of the Word of God.

What is one thing you can do to maintain a grateful heart and not take life for granted?

➤ Psalm 34:8-10; Matthew 5:6; John 4:13-14; 6:35

“He has filled the hungry with good things, but has sent the rich away empty.”-Luke 1:53

8 Anyone wandering from his home is like a bird wandering from its nest.

What is the main idea of this proverb?

✓ The danger of w_____

What does it mean to wander?

To flee, rove, or flutter; sudden movement away from a place of safety or stability.

Both the home and nest are places appointed by God in which we (man and birds) are to find rest and nurturing.

“My God will reject them because they have not listened to him; they will become wanderers among the nations.”-Hosea 9:17

Why do people wander through life?

*Emotional t_____ *Desire for purpose or routine *No clear d_____

“Not many days later, the younger son gathered together all he had and traveled to a distant country, where he squandered his estate in foolish living.”-Luke 15:13

How does this proverb warn us about wandering?

*We can go too f_____ *We can l_____ our way *We can miss our dev_____

“But your iniquities are separating you from your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not listen.” -Isaiah 59:2

What can we do to avoid wandering away from the place where God has planted us?

*Practice restraint and self d_____ *Be content with God’s grace

*Give God our whole h_____

➤ Jeremiah 14:10; 1 Timothy 6:8; Revelation 2:4

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

“God leads us to where we are supposed to be, not where we want to be.”