

Handling the Future, Honor, and Wisdom Proverbs 27 pt. 1

“Let another praise you, and not your own mouth a stranger, and not your own lips.”-Proverbs 27:2

As we achieve success in life, why is it important to avoid praising ourselves too much?

*It Preserves H_____ *It Strengthens Relationship *It Keep us G_____

*It Encourages Authentic Recognition *It Avoids Social Repercussions

- Self-acknowledgement can be healthy, especially in private reflection or when setting goals. The key, however, is finding a balance and sharing only when appropriate.

“The trouble with most of us is that we would rather be ruined by praise than saved by criticism.”

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1 Don't boast about tomorrow, for you don't know what a day might bring.

What is King Solomon warning us about in this verse?

- ✧ B_____: to celebrate, foolish glory, praise, shine, show; to talk with excessive pride and self-satisfaction about one's achievements, possessions, or abilities.

What are some typical ways people boast about the future?

*Visionary Bragging: “Just wait until next year, this whole industry will be m_____!”

*Career Flexing: “Give me five years and I'll be running this place.”

*Wealth Projection: “This investment is going to triple by n_____ summer.”

Why does King Solomon warn us against boasting?

*We are not all k_____. *We are not G_____

◆ **for you don't k_____ what a day might bring.**

- Ecc. 9:12; James 4:13-14

How should we talk about the future instead of boasting?

Acknowledge the fact that _____ is in control.

- Ecc. 7:14; James 4:15-16

2 Let another praise you, and not your own mouth a stranger, and not your own lips.

What is King Solomon warning us about in this verse and how is it different?

✧ B_____ about your personal accomplishments.

✧ F_____ VS. P_____

Who are some Biblical examples of those boasting in themselves?

*H_____ Esther 5:11

*King N_____ Daniel 4:30

*King A_____ 1 Kings 20:11

*Ammonites and Edomites Jeremiah 49:4

*Israel as a Nation Hosea 12:8

How would you encourage someone who praises themselves too often?

*Redirect them toward p_____ and impact

*Invite self-A_____

*Say less do m_____

➤ Luke 14:11

What is King Solomon's remedy against self-promotion?

*A_____ self-praise at all cost.

*Be h_____.

➤ 2 Corinthians 10:17-18; James 4:10

"Honor means much more when it comes from an outside source."

3 A stone is heavy, and sand a burden, but aggravation from a fool outweighs them both.

What is King Solomon contrasting in this verse?

➤ Physical w_____ Vs. E_____ weight

In this verse King Solomon is acknowledging the difficulty of overlooking and rising above the constant aggravation from foolish people.

Aggravation: Masculine noun; describing an emotional disturbance; vexation, anger, grief, indignation, provocation; a state of inner heat that expresses itself. Biblically speaking, this word applies to God's righteous anger as well as man's sinful anger. The context determines if it is outward wrath or inward sorrow.

What are some things people do that can cause aggravation?

*Communication offenders: (Constant l_____, Over t_____, One uppers)

* Time abusers: (chronic lateness, dragging out m_____, last minute c_____)

* Emotional drainers: (Never admitting w_____, Passive a_____, over reacting)

Most people would rather carry a stone than deal with constant aggravation from a fool.

Notice the wisdom in this verse:

Knowing w____ and w_____ we are dealing with.

Fool: Rejects wisdom in behavior, attitude and speech, does not believe in God or the things of God. Proverbs 1:7

Sometimes when we're under the pressure and weight of frustration, we forget we have the power to ignore provocation and walk away.

Who is the best example of overlooking foolish aggravation?

J_____! Matthew 27:11:-14; 1 Peter 2:23

4 Fury is cruel, and anger a flood, but who can withstand jealousy?

What is King Solomon contrasting in this verse?

➤ The effects of w_____ Vs The effects of j_____

➤ Short term a_____ Vs. Long term r_____

The main idea here is wrath and anger may inflict pain for a moment, but jealousy can have a long lasting impact.

Jealousy: raging emotion that often defies reason; envy, hostility, passionate intensity, rivalry; feelings of distrust, resentment, or covetous toward someone or their achievements and advantages.

What is the difference between God's jealousy for us and the sin of jealousy?

*God is jealous for our l_____ and d_____ and is possessive of the worship that belongs to Him alone. What He is jealous about belongs to Him. Exodus 20:4-5

*Being jealous of your neighbor on the other hand is a sin because it involves h_____, bitterness, and covetousness. It is of the flesh and is at war with the Holy Spirit. Galatians 5:16-17; 19-20

Why is harboring jealousy so dangerous?

It does not r_____ until it gets r_____. 1 Samuel 18:7

Jealousy was also the very thing that motivated the religious leaders to arrange the death of Jesus. Matthew 27:15-18

Perhaps this is why he asks, who can withstand jealousy?

How can we overcome a jealous spirit in our hearts?

- *Acknowledge it (be aware of yourself) *Discover the reason (fear, insecurity)
- *Change your focus (instead of questioning why do they have that?, ask, what can I learn from them?)
- *Be grateful (focus on what is good in your life) * Build what you admire (motivation)
- *Use the Word of God

“Love is patient, love is kind. Love does not envy, is not boastful, is not arrogant,”- 1
Corinthians 13:4

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

“It is not love that is blind, but jealousy.”