

Handling the Future, Honor, and Wisdom Proverbs 27 pt 4

“Iron sharpens iron, and one person sharpens another.”-Proverbs 27:17

As you reflect on your relationships, what are some ways you’ve experienced a sharpening in your development?

*Intellectual (Debate with r_____; Sharing k_____; Asking deeper q_____)

*Personal (Accountability p_____; Constructive feedback; Celebrating w_____)

*Emotional (Empathy practice; Encourage resilience; Model vulnerability)

“Correction does much, but encouragement does more.”

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13 Take his garment, for he has put up security for a stranger; get collateral if it is for foreigners.

What is the main theme/lesson of this verse?

➤ Be careful when I _____ to unreliable people.

In light of the text, King Solomon is referring to lending to someone who has co-signed for another person. (Proverbs 6:1-5;11:15)

How should we lend to people who don’t make wise decisions with money?

Notice King Solomon’s approach:

*Take his g_____.

*Get c_____.

Garment: robe, covering, everyday attire.

Collateral: Something pledged as security for a repayment of a loan, to be forfeited if the loan cannot be repaid. To bind, bring forth, withhold; wind tightly until whatever is bound is secured as a pledge or damaged beyond repair.

How long would a person keep someone’s garment in biblical days and why?

➤ Until d____; to show c_____; Exodus 22:26-27; Deut. 24:10-14

How does this approach compare to today and what is applied?

➤ Overall we are _____ forgiving of debts and more likely to hold a g_____.

*Money/possessions are gifts from G_____

*Misuse is a sign of ingratitude

➤ James 1:17; 1 Timothy 4:4

14 If one blesses his neighbor with a loud voice early in the morning, it will be counted as a curse to him.

What is the lesson of this verse?

- Watch out for p_____ friends.

Generally speaking, most people appreciate compliments and words of affirmation from their friends. However, when and where a person chooses to demonstrate this is just as important as their actions.

Notice the *tone* and *timing* of a phony friend's blessing:

*L_____ voice.

*e_____ in the m_____.

Again, King Solomon's point is many people value being complimented, but few want to lose sleep to hear it. Even if the gesture is meant for good, it will be viewed in a negative light.

What is one thing phony friends are good at doing?

- ✧ Over the top g_____ and c_____; using f_____ to manipulate.

What is a sign of a true friend in contrast to the phony?

- ✧ Being s_____ to other people's f_____ and n_____. This includes saying the right thing at the right time.
- Proverbs 15:23; Matthew 6:1-5; Colossians 4:6

15-16 An endless dripping on a rainy day and a nagging wife are alike; the one who controls her controls the wind and grasps oil with his right hand.

What is King Solomon's comparing in this verse?

- The n_____ and the n_____ of a difficult spouse.

Although King Solomon talks about a nagging wife, this verse is not limited to the _____, but it also applies to the _____.

Nuisance: He compares the constant dripping from a leaking roof and nagging, it just keeps going and going. Contentious, brawling, discord and argumentative are some of the words that describe someone who nags.

Nature: He describes the impossible task of being able to contain someone who constantly argues with their spouse, it's like controlling the w_____ and holding on to o_____. The point is, the other person has to decide to stop nagging.

Why is it a nuisance being around someone who argues all the time?

*Creates s_____ *Drains e_____ *Unpredictable

How can husbands love their wives?

*Providing *P _____ *Promoting

How can wives respect their husbands?

*Submission *S _____ *Supporting

What is God's remedy to a marriage plagued by arguing?

➤ L _____ and R _____! Ephesians 5:22,25

17 Iron sharpens iron, and one person sharpens another.

What is the main theme of this verse?

➤ The power of two people h _____ each other.

A common method to sharpen steel or iron is to use a similar piece of metal. When the two scrape against each other, both pieces are shaped and rough spots are removed.

How can we apply this verse in our relationships?

*Be open to a c _____ level of conflict.

*If you avoid being c _____, it may cause you to remain dull.

What are some ways we can open ourselves up to challenged?

*Discipleship *M _____ *Accountability

➤ Colossians 3:16; Romans 15:14; Hebrews 10:24-25

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

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility consider others as more important than yourselves. Everyone should look not to his own interests, but rather to the interests of others. "-Ephesians 2:4-5