

Wisdom before Kings and Judges

Proverbs 25 pt 5

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- Proverbs 25:23

As we reflect on how we present ourselves before others, why should we be watchful of our body language?

*Nonverbal communication speaks _____ than words

*Influences how others p_____ you

*Impacts our own mindset

*Helps n_____ social situations

“Your body language, your eyes, your energy will come through to your audience before you even start speaking.”

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21-22 If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat, and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink, for you will heap burning coals on his head, and the LORD will reward you.

How do most people deal with their enemies?

*H_____

*Indifference

*M_____

How does the Bible teach us to deal with our enemies?

*L_____; Luke 6:27-28

Notice King Solomon’s direction:

*Hungry; give him _____ to eat.

*Thirsty; give him _____ to drink.

Why should we show kindness to our enemies?

#1 Heap _____ coals on his head; (not pain, but burning conviction) 1 Peter 3:16

#2 The _____ will reward you. 1 Peter 3:9

Why is it so hard to be kind and bless those who have wronged us?

*We feel like we are being taken _____ of

*We look _____

What is one action you can take to show kindness to those who have offended you?

*F_____;

Cross References: Matthew 5:44; Romans 12:18; 1 Thess. 5:15

23 The north wind produces rain, and a backbiting tongue, angry looks.

What style of writing does King Solomon use to enforce the meaning of this proverb? C_____ and E_____

Notice the pattern:

Generally speaking, north winds produce rain; in the same way, a b_____ tongue produces angry looks.

Backbiting: Hebrew word cether; means hiding place, secret, disguise. It speaks to a place of cover or concealment.

*To those who are *faithful*: Psalm 91:1 *To those who are *unfaithful*: Job 13:10

In this instance he is referring to the _____ and body language of the _____.

What are some examples of a backbiting tongue?

*S_____

*G_____

*L_____

*D_____

*B_____

“So too, though the tongue is a small part of the body, it boasts great things.
Consider how a small fire sets ablaze a large forest.” -James 3:5

As it relates to body language, what do you think when someone looks at you with rejection or anger?

*The person is being _____ by his/her flesh

Cross References: Galatians 5:19-21; Ephesians 5:3-5

24 Better to live on the corner of a roof than to share a house with a nagging wife.

It is important to note the imagery used here is that of an unpleasant wife.
Furthermore, the concept of this proverb applies to either spouse.

What was God’s original intent in creating the woman?

*C_____ and C_____; Genesis 2:18 Not someone to C_____ or C_____

What happens when one spouse withholds peace from the other spouse?

*Nagging: Hebrew word madon; means brawling, contention, and quarrel.

*Constant a _____, discord, and strife.

Where does strife come from?

***Pride and greed:** Proverbs 28:25

***Anger:** Proverbs 15:18

***Deceitful speech:** Proverbs 16:28

***Gossip:** Proverbs 26:20

***Alcohol abuse:** Proverbs 23:29

***Domestic friction:** Proverbs 25:24

How should a godly couples live instead of nagging each other?

*Husbands: L _____

*Wives: R _____

*Both S _____

Cross References: Ephesians 5:22-25; 33

25 Good news from a distant land is like cold water to a parched throat.

What is the main idea of this proverb?

*The r _____ of hearing good news!

In biblical days they didn't have instant communication; email, chat, phone, but instead they had to wait long periods of time just to hear a response.

Biblical examples: *Paul; Philippians 2:25-26; 28 *Mary & Martha; John 11:1-7; 17-22

What are some examples of good news you received from a far country?

*Loved one is doing well.

*B _____ of a child/grandchild

*Traveling m _____

How should we respond when we hear the good news of Jesus Christ?

*Joy

*E_____

*Praise

*Peace

Cross References: Isaiah 40:9; Nahum 1:15; Romans 10:15

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

**“Hearing and believing the good news will release the power of God
into your salvation.”**