

HOPE SABBATH SCHOOL

Proverbs – Part 7

Interpersonal relationships (dealing with fights)

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies on Proverbs. Our topic today: Interpersonal relationships (dealing with fights).

Scripture Theme Song: “Listen to Counsel” – Proverbs 19:20

- 1) Appreciating the blessing of peace and harmony
 - a) Proverbs 17:1 – better is a dry morsel
 - b) Proverbs 15:17 – better is a dinner of herbs
 - c) Proverbs 21:19 – better to live in a desert (at peace)
 - d) Proverbs 15:16 – better is a little with the fear of the LORD
 - e) How can we be content and learn to value what is most important?
 - i) Philippians 4:11
 - ii) Hebrews 13:5
- 2) Helping someone who has fallen
 - a) Proverbs 17:9
 - b) Proverbs 10:12
 - i) What do these texts mean? Should we become complicit in the crimes of others? Should we cover up for them?
 - ii) How would God want us to cover someone else’s transgression? 1 Peter 4:8
- c) Share a time when you stumbled and someone covered you with love.
- 3) Appropriate reproof and correction
 - a) While we are called to love those who have fallen, we are also called to speak words of reproof and correction.
 - b) Proverbs 17:10
 - c) Proverbs 19:25
 - d) James 5:20
 - e) John 8:1-11 - Jesus confronted both the religious leaders and the woman, but he did not publically condemn any of them. What lessons can we learn from the example of Jesus?
 - f) How it is possible to confront someone without crushing their spirit or making them angry?
- 4) Choosing our words carefully
 - a) Proverbs 18:4
 - b) Proverbs 18:21
 - c) James 3:1-12
 - d) Colossians 4:6 – how is that possible?
 - e) Psalm 19:14
 - f) Galatians 2:20-21
- 5) Making wise judgments
 - a) Proverbs 18:2
 - b) Proverbs 18:17
 - c) Proverbs 19:20; Proverbs 11:14
 - d) Think of a time when you were absolutely convinced that something was right only to discover that you were wrong. How does an awareness of your own experience help you when interacting with others?