

## PROVERBS ROAD MAP TO GOOD RELATIONSHIPS

### Key Principles to Building Good Relationships from the Book of Proverbs:

#### 1) Don't be a G\_\_\_\_\_

11:13 "A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy man keeps a secret"

16:28 "A perverse man stirs up dissension, and a gossip separates close friends"

20:19 "A gossip betrays a confidence; so avoid a man who talks too much"

26:20 "Without wood a fire goes out; without gossip a quarrel dies down"

26:22 "The words of a gossip are like choice morsels; they go down to a man's inmost parts"

#### 2) Avoid all forms of N\_\_\_\_\_ communication

10:31 "The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom but a perverse tongue will be cut out"

10:32 "The lips of the righteous know what is fitting, but the mouth of the wicked only what is perverse"

11:9 "With his mouth the godless destroys his neighbor..."

12:18 "Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing"

15:4 "The tongue that brings healing is a tree of life, but a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit"

18:21 "The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit"

19:5 "A false witness will not go unpunished, and he who pours out lies will not go free"

21:23 “He who guards his mouth and his tongue keeps himself from calamity”.

26:28 “A lying tongue hates those it hurts, and a flattering mouth works ruin”

**3) Be a G\_\_\_\_\_ L\_\_\_\_\_**

18:13 “He who answers before listening – that is his folly and shame”

18:15 “The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge; the ears of the wise seek it out”

**4) Be S\_\_\_\_\_ C\_\_\_\_\_ and avoid being A\_\_\_\_\_**

10:19 “When words are many, sin is not absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise”

11:12 “A man who lacks judgement derides his neighbor, but a man of understanding holds his tongue”

12:16 “A fool shows his annoyance at once, but a prudent man overlooks an insult”

13:3 “He who guard his lips guards his life, but he who speaks rashly comes to ruin”

14:17 “A quick-tempered man does foolish things...”

15:1 “A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger”

15:18 “A hot-tempered man stirs up dissension, but a patient man calms a quarrel”

15:28 “The heart of the righteous weighs its answers, but the mouth of the wicked gushes evil”

16:32 “Better a patient man than a warrior, a man who controls his temper than one who takes a city”

17:14 “Starting a quarrel is like breaching a dam; so drop the matter before a dispute breaks out”

17:27 “A man of knowledge uses words with restraint, and a man of understanding is even-tempered”

19:11 “A man’s wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense”

20:3 “It is to a man’s honor to avoid strife; but every fool is quick to quarrel”

21:23 “He who guards his mouth and his tongue keeps himself from calamity”

22:24 “Do not make friends with a hot-tempered man, do not associate with one easily angered, or you may learn his ways and get yourself ensnared”

25:28 “Like a city whose walls are broken down is a man who lacks self-control”

26:20 “Without wood a fire goes out; without gossip a quarrel dies down”

26:21 “As charcoal to embers and as wood to fire, so is a quarrelsome man for kindling strife”

29:11 “A fool give fool vent to his anger, but a wise man keeps himself under control”

29:20 “Do you see a man who speaks in haste? There is more hope for a fool than for him”

29:22 “An angry man stirs up dissension, and a hot-tempered one commits many sins”

**5) Be quick to F\_\_\_\_\_**

10:12 “Hatred stirs up dissension, but love covers over all wrongs”

17:9 “He who covers over an offense promotes love, but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends”

**6) Be P\_\_\_\_\_, C\_\_\_\_\_ and K\_\_\_\_\_.**

10:32 “The lips of the righteous know what is fitting”.

11:16-17 “A kind hearted women gains respect ... a kind man benefits himself”.

12:25 “An anxious heart weighs a man down, but a kind word cheers him up”

15:4 “The tongue that brings healing is a tree of life, but a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit”

15:23 “A man finds joy in giving an apt reply – and how good a timely word!”

15:30 “A cheerful look brings joy to the heart, and good news gives health to the bones”

16:21 “...pleasant words promote instruction”

16:23 “A wise man’s heart guides his mouth, and his lips promote instruction”

16:24 “Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones”

17:22 “A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones”

18:21 “The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit”

25:11 “A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver”

28:21 “To show partiality is not good...”

**7) Be G\_\_\_\_\_ and a G\_\_\_\_\_**

11:24 “One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty”.

11:25 “A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed”

18:16 “A gift opens the way for the giver and ushers him into the presence of the great”

19:6 "...everyone is a friend of a man who gives gifts"

22:9 "A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor".

**8) Be H \_\_\_\_\_, not P \_\_\_\_\_**

13:10 "Pride only brings quarrels, but wisdom is found in those who take advice"

15:31 "He who listens to a life-giving rebuke will be at home among the wise"

25:27 "It is not good to eat too much honey, nor is it honorable to seek one's own honor"

27:2 "Let another praise you, and not your own mouth; someone else, and not your own lips"

28:13 "He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy"

**9) Be T \_\_\_\_\_ and T \_\_\_\_\_**

11:13 "A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy man keeps a secret"

12:19 "Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue lasts only a moment"

12:22 "The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in men who are truthful"

**10) Be a true F \_\_\_\_\_**

17:17 "A friend loves at all times..."

27:6 "Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses"

27:9 "Perfume and incense brings joy to the heart, and the pleasantness of one's friend springs from his earnest counsel"

27:10 “Do not forsake your friend and friend of your father, and do not go to your brother’s house when a disaster strikes you – better a neighbor nearby than a brother far away”

27:17 “As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another”