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HOW TO GET ALONG WITH OTHERS;

LIKE THE KING - AND GOVERNMENT

VERSES 1-7

Verse 1-3

These also *are* proverbs of Solomon which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied (or collected to take to Hezekiah): ² *It is* the glory of God to conceal a matter, But the glory of kings to search it out. ³ *As* the heavens for height and the earth for depth, So the heart of kings *is* unsearchable.

Verse 4-5

Take away the dross from silver, and it will go to the silversmith *for* jewelry. ⁵ Take away the wicked from before the king, And his throne will be established in righteousness.

Verse 6-7

Do not exalt yourself in the presence of the king (demand his audience), And do not stand (push to nominate yourself) in the place of the great; ⁷ For *it is* better that he say to you, "Come up here," Than that you should be put lower in the presence of the prince, Whom your eyes have seen.

HOW TO GET ALONE WITH OTHERS; LIKE THE NEIGHBORS VERSES 8-20

Verse 8-10

Do not go hastily to court; For what will you do in the end, When your neighbor has put you to shame? ⁹ Debate your case with your neighbor, and do not disclose the secret to another; ¹⁰ Lest he who hears *it* expose your shame, and your reputation be ruined.

Verse 11-12

A word fitly spoken *is like* apples of gold In settings of silver. ¹² *Like* an earring of gold and an ornament of fine gold *is* a wise rebuker to an obedient ear.

Mark This Pithy Barrage of Wisdom Here

Verse 13

Like the cold of snow in time of harvest *is* a faithful messenger to those who send him, For he refreshes the soul of his masters (employer).

Verse 14

Whoever falsely boasts of giving *is like* clouds and wind without rain.

Verse 15

By long forbearance a ruler is persuaded,
And a gentle tongue breaks a bone (opposition).

Verse 16

Have you found honey? Eat only as much as you need,
Lest you be filled with it and vomit.

Verse 17

Seldom set foot in your neighbor's house, lest he become weary of you and hate you.

Verse 18 NLT

Telling lies about others is as harmful as hitting them with an ax, wounding them with a sword, or shooting them with a sharp arrow.

Verse 19 KJV

Placing Confidence in an unfaithful *man* in time of trouble *is like* a bad tooth or a foot out of joint. = ***it's worse than worthless***

Verse 20

Like one who takes away a garment in cold weather, *And like* vinegar on soda, *is* one who sings songs to a heavy heart. - **(timing is off, rude and hurtful)**

HOW TO GET ALONE WITH OTHERS; LIKE YOUR ENEMIES VERSES 21-24

This Beloved Verse That Jesus as Well as Paul Qouted.

Verse 21-22

If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat; And if he is thirsty, give him water to drink; ²² For so you will heap coals of fire on his head, and the LORD will reward you.

Matthew 5:43-45a

"You have heard that it was said, '*You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.*'
⁴⁴ But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be sons of your Father in heaven;

Romans 12:18-21

If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. ¹⁹ Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but *rather* give place to wrath; for it is written, "*Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,*" says the Lord. ²⁰ Therefore "*If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.*" ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Matthew 18:15-17

“Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶ But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that “*by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.*” ¹⁷ And if he refuses to hear them, tell *it* to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector.

Remember, As Christian, We Have Been Given a Different Spirit

Verse 23

Just as the north wind brings rain,
so does a gossiping tongue bring an angry countenance.

Verse 24

*It is better to live in a corner of an attic,
Than to be in a big house shared with an argumentative woman.*

HOW TO GET ALONE WITH OTHERS; LIKE OURSELVES VERSES 25 - CHAPT 26:1-2

Verse 25

As cold water to a weary soul, so *is* good news from a far country.

Beware of Compromise

Verse 26

A righteous *man* who falters (leans away from his convictions) before the wicked *is like* a murky spring and a polluted well. (= there is no difference from the world)

Verse 27

It is not good to eat much honey; So to seek one's own glory is not glory.

(What happens when you eat too much honey? - you get sick)
(What happens when you hope for public approval - you get sick the same)

Proverbs 27:2

Let another man praise you, and not your own mouth;
A stranger, and not your own lips.

Jeremiah 45:5a

And seekest thou great things for thyself? seek them not:

Verse 28

Whoever *has* no rule over his own spirit
Is like a city broken down, without walls.

"A person without self-control is as defenseless
as a city with broken-down walls."

We are All in Trouble Without Self-Control

But Pastor Jack What Can I Do About It?

Surrender!

Galatians 5:17-23

For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, ²¹ envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, **self-control**, (to tame the emotions)

Against such there is no law.

Surrender?

How Do I Surrender?

Verse 26:1-2

Proverbs 26:1-2

As snow in summer and rain in harvest, So honor is not fitting for a fool. ² Like a flitting sparrow, like a flying swallow, So a curse without cause shall not alight.

HOW TO GET ALONE WITH OTHERS;

LIKE THE FOOLS

VERSES 3-12

Verse 3-5

A whip for the horse, A bridle for the donkey, And a rod for the fool's back. ⁴ Do not answer a fool **according to his folly**, Lest you also be like him. ⁵ Do answer a fool according to his folly (**expose his stupidity**), Lest he be wise in his own eyes.

Verse 6-12

He who sends a message by the hand of a fool Cuts off *his own* feet *and* drinks violence (poison). ⁷ Like the legs of the lame that hang limp *Is* a proverb in the mouth of fools. ⁸ Like one who ties a stone in a sling *Is* he who gives honor to a fool. ⁹ Like a thorn *bush in* the hands of a drunkard *Is* a proverb in the mouth of fools. ¹⁰ The great God who formed everything Gives the fool *his* hire and the transgressor *his* wages. ¹¹ As a dog returns to his own vomit, So a fool repeats his folly. ¹² Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? *There is* more hope for a fool than for him.

HOW TO GET ALONE WITH OTHERS;

LIKE THE LAZY

VERSES 13-16

Verse 13

The lazy *man* says, "*There is* a lion in the road! A fierce lion *is* in the streets!" ¹³ **The lazy person is full of excuses, saying, "I can't go outside because there might be a lion on the road! Yes, I'm sure there's a lion out there!"**

Verse 14

As a door turns on its hinges, So *does* the lazy *man* on his bed. ¹⁴ **As a door turns back and forth on its hinges, so the lazy person turns over in bed**

Verse 15

The lazy *man* buries his hand in the bowl; It wearies him to bring it back to his mouth.

¹⁵ Some people are so lazy that they won't lift a finger to feed themselves.

Verse 16

The lazy *man* is wiser in his own eyes than seven men who can answer sensibly.

¹⁶ Lazy people consider themselves smarter than seven wise counselors.

HOW TO GET ALONE WITH OTHERS;

LIKE THE GOSSIP'S

VERSES 17-28

Verse 17

He who passes by *and* meddles in a quarrel not his own
Is like one who takes a dog by the ears.

Verse 18-19

Like a madman who throws firebrands, arrows, and death, (WMD's) ¹⁹ *Is* the man *who*
deceives his neighbor, and says, "I was only joking!"

Verse 20-21

Where *there is* no firewood, the fire goes out; And where *there is* no gossip, strife
ceases. ²¹ As charcoal *is* to burning coals, and wood to fire, So *is* a contentious man to
kindle strife...

Verse 22

The words of a gossip *are* like tasty trifles, and they go down into the inmost body
(bitterness is here implied).

Verse 23

Fervent lips (smooth talk) with a wicked heart *is like* earthenware
covered with silver plating.

HOW TO GET ALONE WITH OTHERS;

CONTINUED // LIKE THE GOSSIP'S \\ CONTINUED

VERSES 17-28

Verse 24-25

He who hates, disguises *it* with his lips, And lays up deceit within himself; ²⁵ When he speaks kindly, do not believe him, for *there are* seven abominations in his heart;

This - "He who hates"

Mankind is not qualified to hate, man is not able to hate correctly.

Man's Hate is Sourced from Evil,

God, When He Hates Something, It's Perfect, Righteous Indignation!

I am Unholy - God is Holy

I try to Love - God is Love

Man's Hate is a Murderous Sin

because it is rooted in the seven abominations warned about by God.

Proverbs 6:16-19 NIV

There are six things the LORD hates, seven that are detestable to him: ¹⁷ haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, ¹⁸ a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, ¹⁹ a false witness who pours out lies and a man who stirs up dissension among brothers.

²⁵ When he speaks kindly, do not believe him,

Verse 26-28

²⁶ Though his hatred is covered by deceit, His wickedness will be revealed before the gathering of God's people. ²⁷ Whoever digs a pit will fall into it, And he who rolls a stone will have it roll back on him. ²⁸ A lying tongue hates those who are crushed by it, And a flattering mouth works ruin.

? Do You Need Prayer
Tonight?

? Do You Need Jesus Tonight?

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