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Proverbs 25

God's Word Is Rich With Instruction

A. How To Rule Righteously (25:1-7)

1. Find the Word of God (25:1)

2. Study the Word of God (25:2-3)

3. Follow the Word of God (25:4-5)

a. It refines you (v 4)

b. It separates you from unrighteousness (v 5)

4. Beware of those who just want to be seen (25:6-7)

Luke 14:7-11

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B. How To Deal With Your Neighbor (25:8-22)

1. Do not pick a fight (25:8)

**2. Do not make personal disagreements public
(25:9-10)**

3. Be an encouragement (25:11-13)

4. Be truthful (25:14)

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B. How To Deal With Your Neighbor (25:8-22) – cont'd

5. Be patient (25:15)

6. Do not wear out your welcome (25:16-17)

a. An illustration (v 16)

b. An application (v 17)

7. Be faithful (25:18-20)

a. Results if not faithful (vv 18-19)

b. Result if faithful (v 20)

8. Be fair (25:21-22)

Matthew 5:43-48

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C. How To Deal With Yourself (25:23-28)

1. Confront evil talking (25:23)

2. Avoid conflict when able (25:24)

3. Be the bearer of good news (25:25)

4. Be strong (25:26)

5. Be self-controlled (25:27-28)

What Not To Be

Proverbs 26

Be Who God Wants You To Be

I. Don't Be A Fool (26:1-12)

A. And easily give up honor (26:1)

Proverbs 26:1

As snow in summer, and as rain in harvest, so honour is not seemly for a fool.

B. And just randomly throw around accusation (26:2)

Proverbs 26:2

As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the curse causeless shall not come.

C. And be unteachable (26:3)

Proverbs 26:3

A whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass, and a rod for the fool's back.

I. Don't Be A Fool (26:1-12)

D. When dealing with a fool (26:4-5)

Proverbs 26:4-5

4 Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him.

5 Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own conceit.

E. And trust blindly (26:6-7)

Proverbs 26:6-7

6 He that sendeth a message by the hand of a fool cutteth off the feet, and drinketh damage.

7 The legs of the lame are not equal: so is a parable in the mouth of fools.

I. Don't Be A Fool (26:1-12)

F. And enable blindly (26:8)

Proverbs 26:8

As he that bindeth a stone in a sling, so is he that giveth honour to a fool.

G. And follow blindly (26:9)

Proverbs 26:9

As a thorn goeth up into the hand of a drunkard, so is a parable in the mouths of fools.

H. And forget that God will judge foolishness (26:8)

Proverbs 26:10

The great God that formed all things both rewardeth the fool, and rewardeth transgressors.

I. Don't Be A Fool (26:1-12)

I. And keep on doing foolish things (26:11)

Proverbs 26:11

As a dog returneth to his vomit, so a fool returneth to his folly.

2 Peter 2:22

But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

J. And be worse than one (26:12)

Proverbs 26:12

Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? there is more hope of a fool than of him.

II. Don't Be Lazy (26:13-16)

A. Incredible excuses (26:13)

Proverbs 27:13

The slothful man saith, There is a lion in the way; a lion is in the streets.

B. Incredible extent (26:14)

Proverbs 27:14

As the door turneth upon his hinges, so doth the slothful upon his bed.

II. Don't Be Lazy (26:13-16)

C. Incredible example (26:15)

Proverbs 27:15

The slothful hideth his hand in his bosom; it grieveth him to bring it again to his mouth.

D. Incredible egotism (26:16)

Proverbs 27:16

The sluggard is wiser in his own conceit than seven men that can render a reason.

III. Don't Cause Strife (26:17-22)

A. Do not get involved strife (26:17)

Proverbs 26:17

He that passeth by, and meddleth with strife belonging not to him, is like one that taketh a dog by the ears.

B. Do not incite strife (26:18-19)

Proverbs 26:18-19

18 As a mad man who casteth firebrands, arrows, and death,

19 So is the man that deceiveth his neighbour, and saith, Am not I in sport?

III. Don't Cause Strife (26:17-22)

C. Do not increase strife (26:20-21)

Proverbs 26:20-21

20 Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out: so where there is no talebearer, the strife ceaseth.

21 As coals are to burning coals, and wood to fire; so is a contentious man to kindle strife.

D. Do not inflict strife (26:22)

Proverbs 26:22

The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.

IV. Don't Be A Hypocrite (26:23-28)

A. In appearance (26:23)

Proverbs 26:23

Burning lips and a wicked heart are like a potsherd covered with silver dross.

B. In attitude (26:24-26)

Proverbs 27:24-26

24 He that hateth dissembleth with his lips, and layeth up deceit within him;

25 When he speaketh fair, believe him not: for there are seven abominations in his heart.

26 Whose hatred is covered by deceit, his wickedness shall be shewed before the whole congregation.

IV. Don't Be A Hypocrite (26:23-28)

C. In actions (26:27-28)

Proverbs 26:27-28

27 Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein: and he that rolleth a stone, it will return upon him.

28 A lying tongue hateth those that are afflicted by it; and a flattering mouth worketh ruin.

**Are You Who You
Say You Are?**