

## INTRODUCTION

- \* In our study of the book of Proverbs, we have been considering some Pearls of Wisdom.
- \* Recently, we have considered the description of those referred to as "The Righteous." The past two weeks, we considered those Proverbs which addressed the family - both the marital relationship and the parental relationship.
- \* In those studies, we saw the importance of our words, and how we speak to others. Today's message began as "Pearls on Communication" but quickly began to be reshaped based upon the weight of Proverbs that address our negative communication and the effects of it.
- \* The message can be summarized by Proverbs 17:14 "The beginning of **strife** is like releasing water; therefore stop **contention** before a **quarrel** starts."

## INSTRUCTION

### I. WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

A. The U \_\_\_\_\_ of the C \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. John 13:34-35; 17:15-21; 1 Corinthians 11:18-19)

B. The H \_\_\_\_\_ of the H \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Proverbs 17:1)

### II. WHO WOULD DO SUCH A THING?

A. A F \_\_\_\_\_ Person (cf. Proverbs 18:6-7)

B. A P \_\_\_\_\_ Person (cf. Proverbs 18:1; 28:25; 13:10; 21:23-24; 22:10)

C. A W \_\_\_\_\_ Person (cf. Proverbs 6:12-15; 16:27-28; 26:20-22)

D. A W \_\_\_\_\_ Person (cf. Proverbs 15:18; 29:22)

E. A H \_\_\_\_\_ Person (cf. Proverbs 10:12)

### III. WHAT SHOULD WE DO AS A RESULT?

A. Check, and Correct Our A \_\_\_\_\_

\* cf. Matthew 5:9

\* cf. Proverbs 17:17; 20:3; 26:17

\* cf. Proverbs 14:29; 15:1; 16:32; 19:11

B. Check, and Correct Our A \_\_\_\_\_

1. PURSUE H \_\_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_\_

\* cf. Proverbs 18:17; 25:9-10

\* cf. Proverbs 30:33

2. PURSUE P \_\_\_\_\_ R \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Proverbs 18:18)

## INTROSPECTION

- \* DO YOU HAVE AN ANGER ISSUE? DID YOU FIND YOURSELF BEING TALKED ABOUT IN THE PROVERBS?
- \* HOW DO NORMALLY DEAL WITH YOUR ANGER?
- \* ARE YOU WILLING TO CONFESS IT TO THE LORD AS SIN AND TO SEEK THE TRANSFORMATIONAL WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN YOUR LIFE?
- \* IS THERE A NEED TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK ... AND, THEREFORE, THE WAY YOU ACT?

## INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- \* Read 1 Timothy 6:3-6. Considering the context - both before and after - what is "the teaching" referred which is referred to? How does Paul describe the person teaching "otherwise" and what our reaction to the individual should be?
- \* Read Ephesians 6:26-27 and Psalm 4:3-4. How do these passages suggest that we ought to deal with our anger?

## Regarding Contentions

Proverbs 17:14 The beginning of **strife (madon - a contest; quarrel)** is like releasing water; therefore stop **contention (riyb - personal or legal contest; controversy; cause)** before a **quarrel (gala-to be obstinate)** starts.

## WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT (The Introduction)

The U \_\_\_\_\_ of the C \_\_\_\_\_

John 13:34-35<sup>34</sup> A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 17:15-21<sup>15</sup> I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth. <sup>20</sup> "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; <sup>21</sup> that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

1 Corinthians 11:18-19<sup>18</sup> For first of all, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you, and in part I believe it. <sup>19</sup> For there must also be factions among you, that those who are approved may be recognized among you.

The H \_\_\_\_\_ of the H \_\_\_\_\_

Proverbs 17:1 Better is a dry morsel with quietness, than a house full of feasting with **strife (riyb)**.

## WHO WOULD DO SUCH A THING? (The Instigator)

A F \_\_\_\_\_ Person

Proverbs 18:6-7<sup>6</sup> A fool's lips enter into **contention (riyb)**, and his mouth calls for blows. <sup>7</sup> A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul.

A P \_\_\_\_\_ Person

Proverbs 18:1 A man who isolates himself seeks his own desire; He **rages (gala)** against all wise judgment.

Proverbs 28:25 He who is of a proud heart stirs up **strife (madon)**, but he who trusts in the LORD will be prospered.

Proverbs 13:10 By pride comes nothing but strife (matsah), but with the well-advised is wisdom.

Proverbs 21:23-24<sup>23</sup> Whoever guards his mouth and tongue keeps his soul from troubles. <sup>24</sup> A proud (ziyd) and haughty man--"Scoffer" is his name; he acts with arrogant (zadon) pride (ebrah). (\*prideful rage/wrath\*)

Proverbs 22:10 Cast out the scoffer, and **contention (madon)** will leave; Yes, strife and reproach will cease.

A W \_\_\_\_\_ Person

Proverbs 6:12-15<sup>12</sup> A worthless person (belial), a wicked man, walks with a perverse mouth; <sup>13</sup> he winks with his eyes, he shuffles his feet, he points with his fingers; <sup>14</sup> perversity is in his heart, he devises evil continually, he sows **discord (madon)**. <sup>15</sup> Therefore his calamity shall come suddenly; suddenly he shall be broken without remedy.

Proverbs 16:27-28<sup>27</sup> An ungodly man (belial) digs up evil, and it is on his lips like a burning fire. <sup>28</sup> A perverse man sows **strife (madon)**, and a whisperer (nirgan) separates the best of friends.

Proverbs 26:20-22<sup>20</sup> Where there is no wood, the fire goes out; and where there is no talebearer (nirgan), **strife (madon)** ceases. <sup>21</sup> As charcoal is to burning coals, and wood to fire, so is a **contentious (midyan)** man to kindle **strife (riyb)**. <sup>22</sup> The words of a talebearer (nirgan) are like tasty trifles, and they go down into the inmost body.

A W \_\_\_\_\_ Person

Proverbs 15:18 A **wrathful (khemah-hot/heat) man** stirs up **strife (madon)**, but he who is **slow to anger (aph - nose; "flaring of nostrils")** allays **contention (riyb)**.

Proverbs 29:22 An **angry man (aph)** stirs up **strife (madon)**, and a furious man abounds in transgression.

A H \_\_\_\_\_ Person

Proverbs 10:12 Hatred stirs up **strife (m-dan)**, but love covers all sins.

Proverbs 15:17 Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a fatted calf with hatred.

## WHAT SHOULD WE DO AS A RESULT? (The Instruction)

Check, and Correct, Our A \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Proverbs 17:14 The beginning of **strife (madon - a contest; quarrel)** is like releasing water; therefore stop **contention (riyb - personal or legal contest; controversy; cause)** before a **quarrel (gala-to be obstinate)** starts.

Proverbs 20:3 It is honorable for a man to stop **striving (riyb)**, since any fool can start a **quarrel (gala)**.

Proverbs 26:17 He who passes by and meddles in a **quarrel (riyb)** not his own is like one who takes a dog by the ears.

Proverbs 14:29 He who is **slow to wrath (aph)** has great understanding, but he who is impulsive (lit. short-spirited) exalts folly.

Proverbs 15:1 A soft answer turns away **wrath (khemah-hot/heat)**, but a harsh word stirs up **anger (aph)**.

Proverbs 16:32 He who is **slow to anger (aph)** is better than the mighty, and he who rules (mashal) his spirit (ruakh) than he who takes a city.

Proverbs 19:11 The discretion of a man makes him **slow to anger (aph)**, and his glory is to overlook a transgression.

Check, and Correct, Our A \_\_\_\_\_

Pursue H \_\_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_\_

*Seek a Private Discourse!*

Proverbs 18:17 The first one to plead his **cause (riyb)** seems right, until his neighbor comes and examines him.

Proverbs 25:9-10<sup>9</sup> **Debate (riyb)** your **case (riyb)** with your neighbor, and do not disclose the secret to another; <sup>10</sup> Lest he who hears it expose your shame, and your reputation be ruined.

*Don't Push The Conversation!*

Proverbs 30:33 For as the churning of milk produces butter, and wringing the nose produces blood, so the forcing of **wrath (aph)** produces **strife (riyb)**.

Pursue P \_\_\_\_\_ R \_\_\_\_\_

Proverbs 18:18 Casting lots causes **contentions (midyan)** to cease, and keeps the mighty apart.