WISDOM WORKS

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"Wisdom Works for Relationships" – Wisdom Works (Part 2)

Various Proverbs

I. Relating Well to God Defines All Your Other Relationships

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight." (Proverbs 3:5-6)

II. Demonstrating Honor Builds Healthy Relationships

• Honor is to be shown but not sought
"...nor is it honorable to seek one's own honor." (25:27)
"...humility comes before honor." (15:33; 18:12)
"A man's pride brings him low, but a man of lowly spirit gains honor." (29:23)

• Honor can be shown in practical ways
- Encouraging words: "Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones" (16:24)
- Kind deeds: "Blessed is he who is kind to the needy." (14:21)
- Loyalty: "A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity." (17:17)

III. Heeding Wisdom's Warnings Protects Relationships

• Respect the allure of immorality
"Can a man scoop fire into his lap without his clothes being burned? Can a man walk on hot coals without his feet being scorched? So is he who sleeps with another man's wife..." (6:27-29; cf. 6:20-26, 30-35; 7:6-27)

• Beware of hurtful words
"When words are many, sin is not absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise." (10:19)
"Reckless words pierce like a sword; but the tongue of the wise brings healing." (12:18)

• Do more than your share
"A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest and poverty will come on you like a bandit and scarcity like an armed man." (6:10-11)

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