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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 you 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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