

Kings, Servants, & The Fear of Man

Proverbs 29 pt 3

“A fool gives full vent to his anger, but a wise person holds it in check.”

-Proverbs 29:11

As we reflect on anger management, what are some effective ways to hold on to your peace in a frustrating moment?

*Practice a _____ listening

*Calm your m_____

*Slow the moment d_____

*Practice p_____ when you're not upset

*Remember, the moment is t_____

“If it costs you your peace, its too expensive.”

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9 If a wise person goes to court with a fool, there will be ranting and raving but no resolution.

What is the main idea of this verse?

A _____ disputes with a f _____. (Proverbs 26:4-5)

Why should the wise avoid engaging in disagreements with foolish people?

*Wise have a different f _____ & a _____ in life.

*Foolish love attention & being in c _____ *No r _____ & wasted t _____

“Don't give what is holy to dogs or toss your pearls before pigs, or they will trample them under their feet, turn, and tear you to pieces.”-Matthew 7:6

How can you avoid getting into disputes with foolish people?

*Don't r _____

*Don't o _____

*Walk a _____

Although its tempting to bicker with an irrational, unfair, immoral person, it is best however to maintain your integrity and demonstrate godly wisdom.

Titus 3:9-11

10 Bloodthirsty men hate an honest person, but the upright care about him.

Notice the contrast:

Bloodthirsty men h _____ vs. Upright men c _____

The main thought here continues the courtroom context. Evil and violent people despise the truth and will arrange for anyone who exposes the truth to be killed. The righteous are opposite and care about honesty.

Bloodthirsty: Blood of guilt; taking a life, blood is inseparable linked to life,

Biblical examples of bloodthirsty men:

*C____; Genesis 4 :10

*A_____ & J_____; 1 Kings 18:4; 13

*King H_____; Matthew 2:16

*The c_____; Matthew 27:24-26

What does God say about those who shed innocent blood?

*He will be held a_____; Genesis 9:5-6

*He will be put to d_____; Exodus 21:14

*They pollute the l____; Numbers 35:33-34

*They will n____ inherit the Kingdom of Heaven; Revelation 21:8

How can we protect and care for those who are honest?

*Create cultures where honesty is r_____ *P_____ them from retaliation

*Surround them with allies *Value them o_____

Matthew 22:34-40

11 A fool gives full vent to his anger, but a wise person holds it in check.

Notice the contrast:

F____ vs W____; Uncontrolled a_____ vs. Self controlled a_____

Remember, a fool is someone who ignores godliness and common sense.

Full vent: Hebrew word yatsa; means to go forth, to go out, come out, become known.

Other than fool, what are some other ways describe someone who gives full vent to their anger?

*Explosive *Un_____ *Impulsive *V_____

*Overwhelmed by e_____

Proverbs 14:17; 15:18

Holds it in check: Hebrew word shabach means keep in, still, glory, triumph, praise; speech under divine authority.

What is the difference between righteous and sinful anger?

Righteous Anger

*Desires to uphold j_____ *Motivated by l_____ *C_____

Matthew 21:12-13; Ephesians 4:26;

Sinful Anger:

*Self-c_____ *Motivated by r_____ *D_____

Proverbs 25:28; James 1:19-20

12 If a ruler listens to lies, all his officials will be wicked.

Main idea

Be careful of entertaining l____!

Ruler: Governor, Kings, Presidents, those who have dominion to rule.

Lie: false statement made with deliberate intent to deceive.

This is not only a picture of a corrupt leader, but sin's impact on a government and people. (1 Kings 12:6-11)

How can someone avoid listening to lies?

- *Strengthen your internal compass
- *Slow down your reactions
- *Check for consistency
- *Set boundaries w/ unreliable people
- *Seek multiple sources
- *Stay g_____ emotionally

1 John 4:1

Notice the impact: *all his officials will be wicked.*

Officials: Ministers, attendants, servers; these are the people who should be helping those in need.

The point is, instead of receiving help and assistance, the people will be exploited and abused because the leader has been compromised by deception.

What should God's people do when the leaders and those who should be helping have been led astray?

- *Strengthen institutions
- *Unse democratic tools consistently
- *Speak up collectively
- *Build/support a culture that rejects c_____
- *Support legal & institutional accountability
- *Stay grounded

Luke 6:39

What is one thing you have learned that you are willing to share with someone else?

“There are two ways to be fooled. One is to believe what isn't true; the other is to refuse to believe what is true.”