

Without wood a fire goes out; without a gossip a quarrel dies down.²¹ As charcoal to embers and as wood to fire, so is a quarrelsome person for kindling strife. ²²The words of a gossip are like choice morsels; they go down to the inmost parts. Proverbs 26:20-22 (NIV)

Stay _____ – Proverbs 4:25

A brother wronged is more unyielding than a fortified city; disputes are like the barred gates of a citadel. ²⁰ From the fruit of their mouth a person's stomach is filled; with the harvest of their lips they are satisfied. ²¹ The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

Proverbs 18:19-21 (NIV)

Step _____: It is an honor for a man to cease from strife and keep aloof from it, but every fool will quarrel. Proverbs 20:3 (AMP)

_____ **Down:** A hot-tempered person stirs up conflict, but the one who is patient calms a quarrel. Proverbs 15:18 (NIV)

_____ **Up:** Those who guard their lips preserve their lives, but those who speak rashly will come to ruin. Proverbs 13:3 (NIV)

_____ your next _____ – Proverbs 4:26

The wise are cautious and avoid danger; fools plunge ahead with reckless confidence.¹⁷ Short-tempered people do foolish things, and schemers are hated.

Proverbs 14:16-17 (NLT)

Mind your own _____: Like one who grabs a stray dog by the ears is someone who rushes into a quarrel not their own. Proverbs 26:17 (NIV)

Make sure you _____: Before a downfall the heart is haughty, but humility comes before honor. ¹³To answer before listening— that is folly and shame. Proverbs 18:12-13 (NIV)

Measure your _____: When there are many words, transgression is unavoidable, But he who restrains his lips is wise. Proverbs 10:19 (NAS)

Maintain a _____: The LORD's curse is on the house of the wicked, but he blesses the home of the righteous. ³⁴ He mocks proud mockers but shows favor to the humble and oppressed. ³⁵ The wise inherit honor, but fools get only shame. Proverbs 3:33-35 (NIV)

Those who bring trouble on their families inherit the wind.
The fool will be a servant to the wise. Proverbs 11:29 (NLT)



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Colossians 3:12-17

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. ¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:12-17 (NLT)

Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. ²⁴ Keep your mouth free of perversity; keep corrupt talk far from your lips. ²⁵ Let your eyes look straight ahead; fix your gaze directly before you. ²⁶ Give careful thought to the paths for your feet and be steadfast in all your ways. Proverbs 4:23-26 (NIV)

A Picture Of A Feuding Family:

When King David heard all this, he was furious. ²² And Absalom never said a word to Amnon, either good or bad; he hated Amnon because he had disgraced his sister Tamar. ²³ Two years later... II Samuel 13:21-23a (NIV)

After Absalom fled and went to Geshur, he stayed there three years. ³⁹ And King David longed to go to Absalom, for he was consoled concerning Amnon's death. ^{14:1} Joab son of Zeruiah knew that the king's heart longed for Absalom. II Samuel 13:38-39 (NIV)

Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵ See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many. Hebrews 12:14-15 (NIV)

The woman said, “Why then have you devised a thing like this against the people of God? When the king says this, does he not convict himself, for the king has not brought back his banished son? ¹⁴Like water spilled on the ground, which cannot be recovered, so we must die. But that is not what God desires; rather, he devises ways so that a banished person does not remain banished from him. II Samuel 14:13-14 (NIV)

Forgive as the Lord forgave you. Colossians 3:13b (NIV)

ABSALOM RETURNS: The king said to Joab, “Very well, I will do it. Go, bring back the young man Absalom.” - ²⁴But the king said, “He must go to his own house; he must not see my face.” So Absalom went to his own house and did not see the face of the king. - ²⁷Three sons and a daughter were born to Absalom. His daughter’s name was Tamar, and she became a beautiful woman. ²⁸Absalom lived two years in Jerusalem without seeing the king’s face. - ³²Absalom said to Joab, “Look, I sent word to you and said, ‘Come here so I can send you to the king to ask, ‘Why have I come from Geshur? It would be better for me if I were still there!’” Now then, I want to see the king’s face, and if I am guilty of anything, let him put me to death.” ³³So Joab went to the king and told him this. Then the king summoned Absalom, and he came in and bowed down with his face to the ground before the king. And the king kissed Absalom. II Samuel 14:21;24;27,28;32,33 (NIV)

ABSALOM’S REBELLION: Then Absalom sent secret messengers throughout the tribes of Israel to say, “As soon as you hear the sound of the trumpets, then say, ‘Absalom is king in Hebron.’” II Samuel 15:10 (NIV)

ABSALOM’S DEATH: The king was shaken. He went up to the room over the gateway and wept. As he went, he said: “O my son Absalom! My son, my son Absalom! If only I had died instead of you—O Absalom, my son, my son!” II Samuel 18:33 (NIV)

DAVID KINGSHIP RESTORED: The king then crossed over to Gilgal, taking Kimham with him. All the troops of Judah and half the troops of Israel escorted the king on his way. ⁴¹But all the men of Israel complained to the king, “The men of Judah stole the king and didn’t give us the honor of helping take you, your household, and all your men across the Jordan.” ⁴³...The argument continued back and forth, and the men of Judah spoke even more harshly than the men of Israel. II Samuel 19:40-41; 43b (NLT)

A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. ²The tongue of the wise adorns knowledge, but the mouth of the fool gushes folly. Proverbs 15:1-2 (NIV)

There happened to be a troublemaker there named Sheba son of Bicri, a man from the tribe of Benjamin. Sheba blew a ram’s horn and began to chant: “Down with the dynasty of David! We have no interest in the son of Jesse. Come on, you men of Israel, back to your homes!” ²So all the men of Israel deserted David and followed Sheba... II Samuel 20:1-2b (NLT)

So Abishai and Joab, together with the king’s bodyguard and all the mighty warriors, set out from Jerusalem to go after Sheba. ⁸As they arrived at the great stone in Gibeon, Amasa met them. Joab was wearing his military tunic with a dagger strapped to his belt. As he stepped forward to greet Amasa, he slipped the dagger from its sheath. ⁹“How are you, my cousin?” Joab said and took him by the beard with his right hand as though to kiss him. ¹⁰Amasa didn’t notice the dagger in his left hand, and Joab stabbed him in the stomach... II Samuel 20:7-10a (NLT)

“You have heard that the ancients were told, ‘YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT MURDER’ and ‘Whoever commits murder shall be liable to the court.’ ²²But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court; and whoever says to his brother, ‘You good-for-nothing,’ shall be guilty before the supreme court; and whoever says, ‘You fool,’ shall be guilty enough to go into the fiery hell.” Matthew 5:21-22 (NIV)

When Joab’s forces arrived, they attacked Abel-beth-maacah. They built a siege ramp against the town’s fortifications and began battering down the wall. ¹⁶But a wise woman in the town called out to Joab, “Listen to me, Joab. Come over here so I can talk to you.” ¹⁹I am one who is peace loving and faithful in Israel. But you are destroying an important town in Israel. Why do you want to devour what belongs to the LORD?” ²⁰And Joab replied, “Believe me, I don’t want to devour or destroy your town! ²¹That’s not my purpose. All I want is a man named Sheba... II Samuel 20:15-16;19-21a (NLT)

APPLICATION:

_____ Your _____ Wisely –Proverbs 4:24
Wise words bring many benefits, and hard work brings rewards. ¹⁵Fools think their own way is right, but the wise listen to others. ¹⁶A fool is quick-tempered, but a wise person stays calm when insulted. ¹⁷An honest witness tells the truth; a false witness tells lies. ¹⁸Some people make cutting remarks, but the words of the wise bring healing. Proverbs 12:14-18 (NLT)

A gentle tongue [with its healing power] is a tree of life, but willful contrariness in it breaks down the spirit. Proverbs 15:4 (AMP)

