

Proverbs 10-31 Topical Handout #2: Communication and Relationships

1A Positives: How to Communicate:

- 1B** Proverbs 10:19, "19 In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, But he who restrains his lips is wise.
- 2B** Proverbs 10:31, "31 The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, But the perverse tongue will be cut out.
- 3B** Proverbs 10:32, "32 The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, But the mouth of the wicked what is perverse.
- 4B** Proverbs 15:1, "1 A soft answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger.
- 5B** Proverbs 15:2, "2 The tongue of the wise uses knowledge rightly, But the mouth of fools pours forth foolishness.
- 6B** Proverbs 15:7, "7 The lips of the wise disperse knowledge, But the heart of the fool does not do so.
- 7B** Proverbs 15:28, "28 The heart of the righteous studies how to answer, But the mouth of the wicked pours forth evil.
- 8B** Proverbs 16:1, "1 The preparations of the heart belong to man, But the answer of the tongue is from the LORD.
- 9B** Proverbs 17:27, "27 He who has knowledge spares his words, And a man of understanding is of a calm spirit.
- 10B** Proverbs 17:28, "28 Even a fool is counted wise when he holds his peace; When he shuts his lips, he is considered perceptive.
- 11B** Proverbs 18:4, "4 The words of a man's mouth are deep waters; The wellspring of wisdom is a flowing brook.
- 12B** Proverbs 27:5, "5 Open rebuke is better Than love carefully concealed.

2A Positives: The Results of Righteous Communication:

- 1B** Proverbs 10:11, "11 The mouth of the righteous is a well of life, But violence covers the mouth of the wicked.
- 2B** Proverbs 10:20, "20 The tongue of the righteous is choice silver; The heart of the wicked is worth little.
- 3B** Proverbs 10:21, "21 The lips of the righteous feed many, But fools die for lack of wisdom.
- 4B** Proverbs 12:6, "6 The words of the wicked are, "Lie in wait for blood," But the mouth of the upright will deliver them.
- 5B** Proverbs 12:13, "13 The wicked is ensnared by the transgression of his lips, But the righteous will come through trouble.
- 6B** Proverbs 12:18, "18 There is one who speaks like the piercings of a sword, But the tongue of the wise promotes health.
- 7B** Proverbs 13:3, "3 He who guards his mouth preserves his life, But he who opens wide his lips shall have destruction.

- 8B** Proverbs 13:17, "17 A wicked messenger falls into trouble, But a faithful ambassador brings health
- 9B** Proverbs 14:3, "3 In the mouth of a fool is a rod of pride, But the lips of the wise will preserve them.
- 10B** Proverbs 15:4, "4 A wholesome tongue is a tree of life, But perverseness in it breaks the spirit.
- 11B** Proverbs 15:23, "23 A man has joy by the answer of his mouth, And a word spoken in due season, how good it is!
- 12B** Proverbs 15:26, "26 The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the LORD, But the words of the pure are pleasant.
- 13B** Proverbs 15:30, "30 The light of the eyes rejoices the heart, And a good report makes the bones healthy.
- 14B** Proverbs 16:13, "13 Righteous lips are the delight of kings, And they love him who speaks what is right.
- 15B** Proverbs 16:21, "21 The wise in heart will be called prudent, And sweetness of the lips increases learning.
- 16B** Proverbs 18:20, "20 A man's stomach shall be satisfied from the fruit of his mouth; From the produce of his lips he shall be filled.
- 17B** Proverbs 19:1, "1 Better is the poor who walks in his integrity Than one who is perverse in his lips, and is a fool.
- 18B** Proverbs 22:11, "11 He who loves purity of heart And has grace on his lips, The king will be his friend.
- 19B** Proverbs 24:26, "26 He who gives a right answer kisses the lips.
- 20B** Proverbs 25:11, "11 A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold In settings of silver.
- 21B** Proverbs 28:23, "23 He who rebukes a man will find more favor afterward Than he who flatters with the tongue.

3A Negatives, Results of Evil Communication:

- 1B** Proverbs 10:6, "6 Blessings are on the head of the righteous, But violence covers the mouth of the wicked.
- 2B** Proverbs 10:10, "10 He who winks with the eye causes trouble, But a prating fool will fall.
- 3B** Proverbs 10:13, "13 Wisdom is found on the lips of him who has understanding, But a rod is for the back of him who is devoid of understanding.
- 4B** Proverbs 10:14, "14 Wise people store up knowledge, But the mouth of the foolish is near destruction.
- 5B** Proverbs 16:27, "27 An ungodly man digs up evil, And it is on his lips like a burning fire.
- 6B** Proverbs 17:20, "20 He who has a deceitful heart finds no good, And he who has a perverse tongue falls into evil.
- 7B** Proverbs 18:2, "2 A fool has no delight in understanding, But in expressing his own heart.
- 8B** Proverbs 18:6, "6 A fool's lips enter into contention, And his mouth calls for blows.
- 9B** Proverbs 18:7, "7 A fool's mouth is his destruction, And his lips are the snare of his soul.

- 10B** Proverbs 18:13, "13 He who answers a matter before he hears it, It is folly and shame to him.
- 11B** Proverbs 18:21, "21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.
- 12B** Proverbs 18:23, "23 The poor man uses entreaties, But the rich answers roughly.
- 13B** Proverbs 22:14, "14 The mouth of an immoral woman is a deep pit; He who is abhorred by the LORD will fall there.
- 14B** Proverbs 23:9, "9 Do not speak in the hearing of a fool, For he will despise the wisdom of your words.
- 15B** Proverbs 25:23, "23 The north wind brings forth rain, And a backbiting tongue an angry countenance.
- 16B** Proverbs 25:25, "25 As cold water to a weary soul, So is good news from a far country.
- 17B** Proverbs 26:4–5, "4 Do not answer a fool according to his folly, Lest you also be like him. 5 Answer a fool according to his folly, Lest he be wise in his own eyes.
- 18B** Proverbs 26:7, "7 Like the legs of the lame that hang limp Is a proverb in the mouth of fools.
- 19B** Proverbs 26:9, "9 Like a thorn that goes into the hand of a drunkard Is a proverb in the mouth of fools.
- 20B** Proverbs 26:24–26, "24 He who hates, disguises it with his lips, And lays up deceit within himself; 25 When he speaks kindly, do not believe him, For there are seven abominations in his heart; 26 Though his hatred is covered by deceit, His wickedness will be revealed before the assembly.
- 21B** Proverbs 29:20, "20 Do you see a man hasty in his words? There is more hope for a fool than for him.
- 4A** On Truth and Lies and Gossip:
- 1B** Proverbs 10:18, "18 Whoever hides hatred has lying lips, And whoever spreads slander is a fool.
- 2B** Proverbs 11:13, "13 A talebearer reveals secrets, But he who is of a faithful spirit conceals a matter.
- 3B** Proverbs 12:17, "17 He who speaks truth declares righteousness, But a false witness, deceit.
- 4B** Proverbs 12:19, "19 The truthful lip shall be established forever, But a lying tongue is but for a moment.
- 5B** Proverbs 12:22, "22 Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD, But those who deal truthfully are His delight.
- 6B** Proverbs 13:5, "5 A righteous man hates lying, But a wicked man is loathsome and comes to shame.
- 7B** Proverbs 14:5, "5 A faithful witness does not lie, But a false witness will utter lies.
- 8B** Proverbs 14:25, "25 A true witness delivers souls, But a deceitful witness speaks lies.
- 9B** Proverbs 17:4, "4 An evildoer gives heed to false lips; A liar listens eagerly to a spiteful tongue.

- 10B** Proverbs 17:7, "7 Excellent speech is not becoming to a fool, Much less lying lips to a prince.
- 11B** Proverbs 17:9, "9 He who covers a transgression seeks love, But he who repeats a matter separates friends.
- 12B** Proverbs 18:8, "8 The words of a talebearer are like tasty trifles, And they go down into the inmost body.
- 13B** Proverbs 19:5, "5 A false witness will not go unpunished, And he who speaks lies will not escape.
- 14B** Proverbs 19:9, "9 A false witness will not go unpunished, And he who speaks lies shall perish.
- 15B** Proverbs 19:22, "22 What is desired in a man is kindness, And a poor man is better than a liar.
- 16B** Proverbs 20:17, "17 Bread gained by deceit is sweet to a man, But afterward his mouth will be filled with gravel.
- 17B** Proverbs 21:28, "28 A false witness shall perish, But the man who hears him will speak endlessly.
- 18B** Proverbs 22:20–21, "20 Have I not written to you excellent things Of counsels and knowledge, 21 That I may make you know the certainty of the words of truth, That you may answer words of truth To those who send to you?
- 19B** Proverbs 26:22, "22 The words of a talebearer are like tasty trifles, And they go down into the inmost body.
- 20B** Proverbs 26:28, "28 A lying tongue hates those who are crushed by it, And a flattering mouth works ruin.
- 21B** Proverbs 29:12, "12 If a ruler pays attention to lies, All his servants become wicked.
- 22B** Proverbs 30:5–6, "5 Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him. 6 Do not add to His words, Lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar.
- 23B** Proverbs 30:7–9, "7 Two things I request of You (Deprive me not before I die): 8 Remove falsehood and lies far from me; Give me neither poverty nor riches— Feed me with the food allotted to me; 9 Lest I be full and deny You, And say, "Who is the LORD?" Or lest I be poor and steal, And profane the name of my God.
- 24B** Proverbs 30:10, "10 Do not malign a servant to his master, Lest he curse you, and you be found guilty.

5A On Strife:

- 1B** Proverbs 10:12, "12 Hatred stirs up strife, But love covers all sins.
- 2B** Proverbs 11:29, "29 He who troubles his own house will inherit the wind, And the fool will be servant to the wise of heart.
- 3B** Proverbs 15:18, "18 A wrathful man stirs up strife, But he who is slow to anger allays contention.
- 4B** Proverbs 16:28, "28 A perverse man sows strife, And a whisperer separates the best of friends.

- 5B** Proverbs 16:29–30, "29 A violent man entices his neighbor, And leads him in a way that is not good. 30 He winks his eye to devise perverse things; He purses his lips and brings about evil.
- 6B** Proverbs 17:1, "1 Better is a dry morsel with quietness, Than a house full of feasting with strife.
- 7B** Proverbs 17:14, "14 The beginning of strife is like releasing water; Therefore stop contention before a quarrel starts.
- 8B** Proverbs 17:19, "19 He who loves transgression loves strife, And he who exalts his gate seeks destruction.
- 9B** Proverbs 18:19, "19 A brother offended is harder to win than a strong city, And contentions are like the bars of a castle.
- 10B** Proverbs 19:19, "19 A man of great wrath will suffer punishment; For if you rescue him, you will have to do it again.
- 11B** Proverbs 20:3, "3 It is honorable for a man to stop striving, Since any fool can start a quarrel.
- 12B** Proverbs 26:20, "20 Where there is no wood, the fire goes out; And where there is no talebearer, strife ceases.
- 13B** Proverbs 26:21, "21 As charcoal is to burning coals, and wood to fire, So is a contentious man to kindle strife.
- 14B** Proverbs 27:3, "3 A stone is heavy and sand is weighty, But a fool's wrath is heavier than both of them.
- 15B** Proverbs 27:4, "4 Wrath is cruel and anger a torrent, But who is able to stand before jealousy?
- 16B** Proverbs 29:11, "11 A fool vents all his feelings, But a wise man holds them back.
- 17B** Proverbs 29:22, "22 An angry man stirs up strife, And a furious man abounds in transgression.

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6A On Friends and Neighbors:

- 1B** Proverbs 11:12, "12 He who is devoid of wisdom despises his neighbor, But a man of understanding holds his peace.
- 2B** Proverbs 12:26, "26 The righteous should choose his friends carefully, For the way of the wicked leads them astray.
- 3B** Proverbs 13:20, "20 He who walks with wise men will be wise, But the companion of fools will be destroyed.
- 4B** Proverbs 14:7, "7 Go from the presence of a foolish man, When you do not perceive in him the lips of knowledge.
- 5B** Proverbs 14:21, "21 He who despises his neighbor sins; But he who has mercy on the poor, happy is he.
- 6B** Proverbs 17:17, "17 A friend loves at all times, And a brother is born for adversity.
- 7B** Proverbs 18:1, "1 A man who isolates himself seeks his own desire; He rages against all wise judgment.

- 8B** Proverbs 18:24, "24 A man who has friends must himself be friendly, But there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.
- 9B** Proverbs 19:4, "4 Wealth makes many friends, But the poor is separated from his friend.
- 10B** Proverbs 19:7, "7 All the brothers of the poor hate him; How much more do his friends go far from him! He may pursue them with words, yet they abandon him.
- 11B** Proverbs 19:11, "11 The discretion of a man makes him slow to anger, And his glory is to overlook a transgression.
- 12B** Proverbs 20:19, "19 He who goes about as a talebearer reveals secrets; Therefore do not associate with one who flatters with his lips.
- 13B** Proverbs 21:10, "10 The soul of the wicked desires evil; His neighbor finds no favor in his eyes.
- 14B** Proverbs 21:14, "14 A gift in secret pacifies anger, And a bribe behind the back, strong wrath.
- 15B** Proverbs 22:24–25, "24 Make no friendship with an angry man, And with a furious man do not go, 25 Lest you learn his ways And set a snare for your soul.
- 16B** Proverbs 23:6–8, "6 Do not eat the bread of a miser, Nor desire his delicacies; 7 For as he thinks in his heart, so is he. "Eat and drink!" he says to you, But his heart is not with you. 8 The morsel you have eaten, you will vomit up, And waste your pleasant words.
- 17B** Proverbs 23:17, "17 Do not let your heart envy sinners, But be zealous for the fear of the LORD all the day;
- 18B** Proverbs 23:20–21, "20 Do not mix with winebibbers, Or with gluttonous eaters of meat; 21 For the drunkard and the glutton will come to poverty, And drowsiness will clothe a man with rags.
- 19B** Proverbs 24:1–2, "1 Do not be envious of evil men, Nor desire to be with them; 2 For their heart devises violence, And their lips talk of troublemaking.
- 20B** Proverbs 24:17–18, "17 Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, And do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles; 18 Lest the LORD see it, and it displease Him, And He turn away His wrath from him.
- 21B** Proverbs 24:19–20, "19 Do not fret because of evildoers, Nor be envious of the wicked; 20 For there will be no prospect for the evil man; The lamp of the wicked will be put out.
- 22B** Proverbs 24:28–29, "28 Do not be a witness against your neighbor without cause, For would you deceive with your lips? 29 Do not say, "I will do to him just as he has done to me; I will render to the man according to his work."
- 23B** Proverbs 25:2, "2 It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, But the glory of kings is to search out a matter.
- 24B** Proverbs 25:8–10, "8 Do not go hastily to court; For what will you do in the end, When your neighbor has put you to shame? 9 Debate your case with your neighbor, And do not disclose the secret to another; 10 Lest he who hears it expose your shame, And your reputation be ruined.
- 25B** Proverbs 25:17, "17 Seldom set foot in your neighbor's house, Lest he become weary of you and hate you.

- 26B** Proverbs 25:18, "18 A man who bears false witness against his neighbor Is like a club, a sword, and a sharp arrow.
- 27B** Proverbs 25:20, "20 Like one who takes away a garment in cold weather, And like vinegar on soda, Is one who sings songs to a heavy heart.
- 28B** Proverbs 25:21–22, "21 If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat; And if he is thirsty, give him water to drink; 22 For so you will heap coals of fire on his head, And the LORD will reward you.
- 29B** Proverbs 26:17, "17 He who passes by and meddles in a quarrel not his own Is like one who takes a dog by the ears.
- 30B** Proverbs 26:18–19, "18 Like a madman who throws firebrands, arrows, and death, 19 Is the man who deceives his neighbor, And says, "I was only joking!"
- 31B** Proverbs 27:2, "2 Let another man praise you, and not your own mouth; A stranger, and not your own lips.
- 32B** Proverbs 27:6, "6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend, But the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.
- 33B** Proverbs 27:9, "9 Ointment and perfume delight the heart, And the sweetness of a man's friend gives delight by hearty counsel.
- 34B** Proverbs 27:10, "10 Do not forsake your own friend or your father's friend, Nor go to your brother's house in the day of your calamity; Better is a neighbor nearby than a brother far away.
- 35B** Proverbs 27:14, "14 He who blesses his friend with a loud voice, rising early in the morning, It will be counted a curse to him.
- 36B** Proverbs 27:17, "17 As iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.
- 37B** Proverbs 27:21, "21 The refining pot is for silver and the furnace for gold, And a man is valued by what others say of him.
- 38B** Proverbs 29:5, "5 A man who flatters his neighbor Spreads a net for his feet.