

TRAITS
of
TROUBLE-
MAKERS

PROVERBS 26:17-26

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Proverbs 26:23 Fervent lips with a wicked heart are like earthenware covered with silver dross. 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.

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Luke 12:13 Then one from the crowd said to Him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” But He said to him, “Man, who made Me a judge or an arbitrator over you?”

1 Thessalonians 4:11 that you also aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with our own hands, as we commanded you,

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Proverbs 12:18 There is one who speaks like the piercings of a sword, but the tongue of the wise promotes health.

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Matthew 7:12 “Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.”

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Proverbs 10:23 It is as sport to a fool to do mischief: but a man of understanding hath wisdom.

Proverbs 18:19 A brother offended is harder to win than a strong city, and contentions are like the bars of a castle.

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Proverbs 16:28 A perverse man sows strife, and a whisperer separates the best of friends.

Proverbs 11:13 A talebearer reveals secrets, but he who is of a faithful spirit conceals a matter.

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Ecclesiastes 12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man's all. ¹⁴ For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.

Romans 10:9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:13 For “whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.”