

A. SERMON SLIDES

Slide 1: Title

How to Be Good at Keeping Relationships

Selected Proverbs

Slide 2:

Proverbs 10:18 (ESV)

18 The one who conceals hatred has lying lips,
and whoever utters slander is a fool.

Proverbs 11:12–13 (ESV)

12 Whoever belittles his neighbor lacks sense,
but a man of understanding remains silent.

13 Whoever goes about slandering reveals secrets,
but he who is trustworthy in spirit keeps a thing covered.

Proverbs 17:9 (ESV)

9 Whoever covers an offense seeks love,
but he who repeats a matter separates close friends.

Proverbs 24:17 (ESV)

17 Do not rejoice when your enemy falls,
and let not your heart be glad when he stumbles,

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Proverbs 24:28–29 (ESV)

28 Be not a witness against your neighbor without cause,
and do not deceive with your lips.

29 Do not say, "I will do to him as he has done to me;
I will pay the man back for what he has done."

Proverbs 25:21–22 (ESV)

21 If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat,
and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink,

22 for you will heap burning coals on his head,
and the LORD will reward you.

Proverbs 27:5–6 (ESV)

5 Better is open rebuke
than hidden love.

6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend;
profuse are the kisses of an enemy.

Slide 4:

I. Why do we need to "keep" relationships?

II. How do we "keep" relationships?

III. How are we enabled to "keep" relationships?

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Why?

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Slide 6:

Relational breakdown is inevitable

Slide 7:

Biblical slander does not mean "false" report. It means "bad" report.

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How do we keep community when breakdown is inevitable?

- 1) Confront your superior attitude
- 2) Dismiss your accounting
- 3) Cover evil with good
- 4) Oppose the sin

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Confronting Superiority

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Slide 10:

"lebab" = heart

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Dismiss the Accounting

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"kakah" = cover the nakedness publicly

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There is no covering "forgiveness" without payment.
Who is going to pay?

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Cover Evil with Good

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How Do We Really Do It?

The world needs to see the supernatural!

B. GROUP DISCUSSION

- 1) Begin by discussing your own history with relationships. What are some lessons you have learned about yourself and others through your own history of relationships?
- 2) Why do you think it is true (in your own understanding) that strife and breakdowns in relationships are inevitable?
- 3) Pastor Don mentioned 4 ways to walk through those relational breakdowns. Talk about what it means for you to do each one.
 - a) Confront your superior attitude
 - b) Dismiss your accounting
 - c) Cover evil with good
 - d) Oppose the sin

Why is the order important?!?!

4) Does that list "work" in every situation? What else do we need?

5) Have you experienced "supernatural" forgiveness of others in your history? Have you experienced it for yourself?

6) Praise and prayer