

Digging Deeper, Proverbs 25:11-14

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Communication vs. Expectation

Day 1: The Power of Words

Additional Reading:

James 3:2-6

Ephesians 4:29

Questions:

1. What does it mean for a word to be "fitly spoken" in your daily interactions?
2. Can you recall a time when someone's timely words had a significant impact on you?
How did it affect you?
3. How can you strive to speak more wisely and appropriately in your relationships?

Reflection and Prayer:

Reflect on the power of words and how they can be used to build up or tear down. Pray for wisdom and discernment to speak words that are encouraging, constructive, and timely.

Day 2: The Value of Criticism

Additional Reading:

Proverbs 15:31-32

Matthew 18:15

Questions:

1. Why is it important to receive correction or reproof with an open heart?
2. How can you develop a spirit that is receptive to wise counsel?
3. In what ways can you offer constructive feedback to others while maintaining their dignity?

Reflection and Prayer:

Consider the value of receiving and giving correction in love. Pray for humility to accept wise counsel and the grace to offer it to others in a spirit of kindness and respect.

Day 3: Faithful Messenger

Additional Reading:

1 Corinthians 4:2 Matthew 25:21

Questions:

1. What qualities make someone a faithful messenger?
2. How does faithfulness in communication and duties refresh and benefit those around you?
3. Reflect on your own faithfulness in your responsibilities. How can you improve?

Reflection and Prayer:

Reflect on the importance of faithfulness in your commitments and how it impacts those who rely on you. Pray for a spirit of diligence and reliability in all that you do.

Day 4: The Consequences of Empty Promises

Additional Reading:

1 John 3:18 James 2:14-17

Questions:

1. Why is it detrimental to promise and not deliver? How does it affect trust?
2. Are there any areas in your life where you have made promises you haven't kept? How can you address this?
3. How can you ensure that your actions match your words and intentions?

Reflection and Prayer:

Consider the importance of integrity and following through on your promises. Pray for the strength and commitment to be true to your word and reliable in all your dealings.

Day 5: The Power of Patience and Gentle Speech

Additional Reading:

James 1:19-20 Proverbs 15:1

Questions:

1. How can patience and gentle speech be powerful tools in resolving conflicts?
2. Reflect on a situation where a soft answer turned away anger. What was the

outcome?

3. How can you practice patience and gentleness in your communications this week?

Reflection and Prayer:

Reflect on the power of patience and gentle speech in influencing and resolving conflicts. Pray for the patience and wisdom to speak gently and effectively, even in challenging situations.

Day 6: Communication vs. Expectation

Additional Reading:

Proverbs 16:24 Colossians 3:12-17

Reflection and Prayer:

Reflect on the overall theme of communication in these verses. Consider how you can apply these principles in your daily life to improve your relationships and interactions. Pray for the ability to communicate effectively, lovingly, and wisely in all circumstances.