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Part 2: Experiencing God Through Wisdom

1. We fail to Experience God when we don't overcome the barriers:
 - A. We don't ask.
 - B. We get Lazy.
 - C. We get self-absorbed.
 - D. We become fearful,
 - E. We are just unaware.
2. We fail to Experience God when we communicate in unhealthy ways.

Proverbs 18:21 NASB *Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.*

Proverbs 18:1-2 (NASB) *He who separates himself seeks his own desire, he quarrels against all sound wisdom.*

²*A fool does not delight in understanding, but only in revealing his own mind.*
3. We fail to Experience God when we use words without restraint.

Proverbs 17:27-28 NIV *A man of knowledge uses words with restraint, and a man of understanding is even-tempered. Even a fool is thought wise if he keeps silent, and discerning if he holds his tongue.*

Proverbs 29:11 KJV *A fool speaks everything on his mind.*
4. We fail to Experience God when we don't listen to both sides of the story.

Proverbs 18:17-24 (NASB) ¹⁷*The first to plead his case seems right, until another comes and examines him.*
5. We fail to Experience God when we give in to temptation.

Proverbs 1:10-16 NIV

¹⁰*My son, if sinful men entice you, do not give in to them.*

Proverbs 22:3 RTV *A fool sees danger and proceeds anyway.*
6. We fail to Experience God when we gossip.

Proverbs 20:19 NIV *A gossip betrays a confidence; so avoid anyone who talks too much.*

New Living Translation - *A gossip goes around telling secrets, so don't hang around with chatterers.*
7. We fail to Experience God when we stop seeking advice.

Proverbs 15:22 (NLT) *Plans go wrong for lack of advice; many advisers bring success.*

Proverbs 12:15 NASB *The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, But a wise man is he who listens to counsel.*
8. We fail to Experience God when we don't choose friends carefully.

Proverbs 13:20 NIV *Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm.*

"The next best thing to being wise is to live in a circle of those who are." C.S. Lewis
9. We fail to Experience God when we are unfaithful, when we don't keep our relationships safe.

Proverbs 5:15, 18, 20, 21 (NIV) ¹⁵*Drink water from your own cistern, running water from your own well.*

¹⁸*May your fountain be blessed, and may you rejoice in the wife of your youth.* ²⁰*Why, my son, be intoxicated with another man's wife?* ²¹*For your ways are in full view of the Lord, and he examines all your paths.*

Proverbs 7:23, 27 *will cost you your life, will lead you to the chambers of death.*
10. We fail to Experience God when we fail to trust Him.

Proverbs 3:5-6 NASB *Trust in the Lord with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding. ⁶In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.*