

PROVERB 25

- I. The governmental policies of the Ruler Vs 2-8
- A. Those in authority cannot are not always _____ Vs 2-3
 - 1. Vs 2a
 - a. *Deut 29:29 The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.*
 - b. *Rom 11:33 Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!*
 - 2. The Sovereign God gives knowledge to whom He _____, and the rulers of the earth are only His instruments to carry out His bidding, no matter whether they can figure it out or not, whether they _____ Him or not.
 - B. Right decisions and leadership must come from _____ counsel Vs 4-5
 - C. One should know his place before rulers and act accordingly Vs 6-7
 - 1. A _____ spirit before a fall Vs 6
 - 2. _____ before honor Vs 7-8
- II. General guidelines that need to be understood Vs 9-15
- A. Treat others with discretion, _____, and honesty Vs 9-10
 - 1. If you have a problem with someone, go to that _____ and address it, don't go behind their back and _____ or complain to another person Vs 9
 - 2. To do otherwise is to invite _____ to yourself Vs 10
 - B. Choose your _____ well Vs 11
(The reference being to decorations such as were employed on ceilings and pillars, where everything is supposed to harmonize well and not to offend the eye.)
 - C. Be wise in giving _____ Vs 12
 - D. Be _____ to those over you when given a task to perform Vs 13
 - E. Empty _____ is of no value Vs 14
 - F. Perseverance and _____ accomplish much Vs 15
- III. Rules of behavior when associating with others Vs 16-20
- A. Self-_____ in eating Vs 16
 - B. Respect for the _____ of others Vs 17
 - C. Be careful to give only _____ information about others Vs 18
 - D. Be careful in whom you place your _____ Vs 19
 - E. Let the present circumstance _____ your behavior Vs 20
- IV. Scriptural counsel in dealing with the _____ of life Vs 21-28
- A. Trust one's self to God and treat you enemies _____ Vs 21-22
 - B. As surely as the North wind brings in rain, so a gossip will rile the _____ of the one being gossiped about Vs 23
 - C. Civil disturbance in the home causes all types of pain and _____ Vs 24
 - D. Good news is good and _____ the heart of the hearer! Vs 25
 - E. The righteous being overthrown by the wicked is troublesome and bitter to the heart Vs 26
 - F. As eating too much honey will make one sick (Cf. Vs 16) so one who is quick to tell about how good they are or what great accomplishments they have made is _____ to the speaker and hearers Vs 27
 - G. Lack of self-control will lead to _____ ruin Vs 28