

## **The Wisdom of Discretion and the Folly of Anger (Proverbs 19:11)**

“The discretion of a man makes him slow to anger and his glory *is* to overlook a transgression.”

### **1. What is this “Discretion”?**

“*Good sense*” “*insight*” “*self-awareness*” “*heart insight*” “*self-knowledge*”

Prov 2:11; 3:21-23; 8:12; 1 Cor 1:30; 2 Cor 4:6

### **2. Why Does Discretion Make us Slow to Anger?**

- “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge...Prov 1:7
- Ex 34:6; 2 Cor 3:16-18; Matthew 5:43-48; Gen 4:3-8; Prov 2:11; 3:21-23

### **3. Why Do We Need to Be Slow to Anger?**

1. Anger (Prov 18:14)
2. Bitterness (Luke 17:3)
3. Anger (Prov 22:24, 25)
4. Stubbornness (1 Sam 15:23)
5. Rebellion (Prov 14:6)

### **4. How is it the Glory of a Man to Overlook a Transgression?**

- We recognize how we have sinned against God (Ps 51: 4)
- God has not entered into judgment against us (Eph 4:31,33)
- God deals with in mercy alone, we should deal with sinners in mercy
- 1 Peter 4:8 “Love covers a multitude of sins”
- When we forgive, it’s because we’ve been forgiven – we walk in love