

Family | Proverbs 23:22-25

Wisdom for the Holidays

The gift of peace

16 There are six things the LORD hates,
seven that are detestable to him:
17 haughty eyes,
a lying tongue,
hands that shed innocent blood,
18 a heart that devises wicked schemes,
feet that are quick to rush into evil,
19 a false witness who pours out lies
and a person who stirs up conflict in the community.

Proverbs 6:16-19 (NIV)

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Proverbs 17:14 (NIV)

Starting a quarrel is like breaching a dam;
so drop the matter before a dispute breaks out.

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Matthew 5:9 (NIV)

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.



When you feel so mad
that you wanna roar,
take a deep breath,
and count to 4.

1. 2. 3. 4.

-Daniel Tiger

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Proverbs 26:20 (NIV)

Without wood a fire goes out;
without a gossip a quarrel dies down.

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Gossip: saying something negative about anyone or anything to someone who can't do anything about it.

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Proverbs 26:17 (NIV)

Like one who grabs a stray dog by the ears
is someone who rushes into a quarrel not their own.

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Proverbs 15:18 (NIV)

A hot-tempered person stirs up conflict,
but the one who is patient calms a quarrel.

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Proverbs 19:11 (NIV)

A person's wisdom yields patience;
it is to one's glory to overlook an offense.

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2 Corinthians 5:18-19 (NIV)

18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:
19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

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Proverbs 15:20 (NIV)

A wise son brings joy to his father,
but a foolish man despises his mother.

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Proverbs 17:6 (NIV)

Children's children are a crown to the aged,
and parents are the pride of their children.

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Proverbs 20:7 (NIV)

The righteous lead blameless lives;
blessed are their children after them.

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Proverbs 23:22-23 (NIV)

22 Listen to your father, who gave you life,
and do not despise your mother when she is old.

23 Buy the truth and do not sell it—
wisdom, instruction and insight as well.

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1. What was your childhood and teenage years like?
2. Where did you go to school? Did you like it there?
3. What did you look for in your husband or wife?
4. What do you think of this theology I'm wrestling with?
5. How have you been encouraged in your faith recently?

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Proverbs 27:8 (NIV)

Like a bird that flees its nest
is anyone who flees from home.

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Proverbs 28:25 (NIV)

The greedy stir up conflict,
but those who trust in the Lord will prosper.

*Give the gift of peace, respect,
and contentment to your family
this Christmas.*
