



Growth Points

Get Smart Lesson 4: Straight Talk

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Proverbs

Devotional Seed:

Is wisdom shown more in what is said or in what is not said?

Deeper Roots:

1. Why do you think that wisdom in speech is so rare? (Refer to James 3:2-12 for some insight) How should this knowledge affect our life?
2. Referring to Proverbs 11:9 and 12:6, what is it that the righteous is escaping from and from what is the upright escaping from?
3. What is the meaning of Proverbs 18:21
4. What does it mean in Proverbs 25:15 that a "*gentle tongue can break a bone.*"
5. Proverbs 10:18 seems to indicate that it is wrong to conceal our hatred. Does this seem true to you? How could you apply this proverb? Do you consider it lying to withhold criticism?

Bearing Fruit::

1. Is gossip wrong if you are telling the truth? What would make it wrong? What makes a statement gossip? Do you think that it is possible to gossip by making a prayer request?
2. Is it always wiser to say very little. In what contexts do these proverbs on holding one's tongue seem most appropriate. In what situations would holding your tongue be foolish or wrong?
3. Do you talk too much or too little?
4. Which Proverb about words speaks to you most clearly at this time?

Branching Out:

Looking ahead to our Christmas outreach, plan now to invite friends and acquaintances. Make a list together as a group of those whom you plan to invite and pray together that our invitations would be accepted.