

Proverbs #9

Chapter 25

- 1) Who collected and published these proverbs of Solomon?
- 2) Should you try to get personal recognition from important people?
- 3) Which verse tells you that it's important to think before you speak?
- 4) What picturesque description does God give of what it is like when you say just the right thing at the right time?
 - a) It's like a beam of sunshine
 - b) It's like a breath of fresh air
 - c) It's like apples of gold in settings of silver
- 5) Is it possible to get too much of a good thing?

Is it a good idea to spend a lot of time at someone else's house?

"Like a _____ tooth and an unsteady _____ is confidence in a _____ man in time of trouble."

Good news from a distant land is just like what?

What do you think verse 26 means?

- 10) Trying to find out all the good things that people say about you is like eating too much "_____." It tastes good, but too much will make you sick.

Chapter 26

- 1) According to verses 4 & 5, does it sound like you can ever win an argument with a fool?
- 2) Do proverbs like this do you any good if you are a fool? They are actually compared to the legs of the _____.
- 3) If you are running a business, what verse tells you to be careful about who you hire?
- 4) What does God say it's like when pry or meddle in other people's business?
- 5) "Like a madman who throws Firebrands, arrows and death, so is the man who _____ his neighbor, and says, 'Was I not _____?'"

Have you ever deceived or lied to someone and then said you were kidding or joking?

"For lack of wood the _____ goes out, and where there is no _____ (person who gossips), contention quiets down. Like charcoal to hot embers and wood to fire, so is a contentious man to kindle _____. The words of a whisperer are like dainty morsels, and they go down into the innermost parts of the body."

Does gossip cause damage to relationships? Can it be stopped? Do people often enjoy hearing dirty little secrets about people? Should a believer be any part of that conversation?

What magazines or television shows can you name that are built around people's desire to know little secrets about people?

Do you think reading these things and watching these shows is a good use of our time?

When someone flatters you, you should remember that flattery brings _____!

Chapter 27

- 1) Should you ever brag about what you will do in the future? If not, why not?
- 2) Who should you never be praised by?
- 3) What is a stronger emotion than wrath and anger?
- 4) What do you think it means when it says, the wounds of a friend are faithful?
- 5) "He who blesses his friend with a _____ voice early in the _____, it will be reckoned a _____ to him."
- 6) "Iron sharpens iron, so one man _____ another."
- 7) What do you think this means and how do you think it works?

- 8) "As in water face reflects face, so the heart of man reflects man." If your thoughts are evil, what does that mean?