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Walking in Wisdom

Grabbing Ears and Twisting Noses

Proverbs on Conflict

Like one who grabs a stray dog by the ears
is someone who rushes into a quarrel not their own.
Proverbs 26:17

Better a dry crust with peace and quiet
than a house full of feasting, with strife.
Proverbs 17:1

Conflict always stings, but sometimes it can ruin lives

Conflict is the human story.

Evil will never leave the house
of one who pays back evil for good.
Starting a quarrel is like breaching a dam;
so, drop the matter before a dispute breaks out.
Proverbs 17:13-14

We must live in a way that matches God's character

Don't start conflict unnecessarily

Whoever loves a quarrel loves sin;
whoever builds a high gate invites destruction.
Proverbs 17:19

In a lawsuit the first to speak seems right,
until someone comes forward and cross-examines.
Proverbs 18:17-19

Avoid retaliation

Do not say, "I'll pay you back for this wrong!"
Wait for the Lord, and he will avenge you.
Proverbs 20:22

Exercise forgiveness and patience

A hot-tempered person stirs up conflict,
but the one who is patient calms a quarrel.
Proverbs 15:18

A person's wisdom yields patience;
it is to one's glory to overlook an offense.
Proverbs 19:11

Turn the other cheek. Change the dynamic

Respond in love and seek reconciliation

Deceit is in the hearts of those who plot evil,
but those who promote peace have joy.
Proverbs 12:20

Hatred stirs up conflict,
but love covers over all wrongs.
Proverbs 10:12

Whoever would foster love covers over an offense,
but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends.
Proverbs 17:9

If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat;
if he is thirsty, give him water to drink.
In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head,
and the Lord will reward you.
Proverbs 25:21-22

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