

WISDOM FROM PROVERBS
SCHEME: SEPARATE PART 2

*He who conceals a transgression seeks love,
But he who repeats a matter **separates intimate friends.**
- Prov 17:9*

Primary Point: A scheme of the devil is to separate our close relationships

1. EXAMPLES OF SEPARATING BY ACTIONS

Pro 3:27 withholds	Pro 25:17 overstays
Pro 14:23 all talk	Pro 25:19 not dependable
Pro 17:13 ungrateful	Pro 25:20 wrong help
Pro 18:1 independent	Pro 26:17 meddles
Pro 18:2 talks too much	Pro 27:14 early voice
Pro 18:9 slacker	Pro 29:1 won't listen
Pro 18:13 quick answer	

2. MAKE A COMMITMENT TO BE HARMONIOUS

- a. Be a Separation Detection Expert (SDE) (1 Pet 3:8)
- b. Take the initiative (Rom 12:18)

3. WHAT TO DO WHEN SEPARATED

- a. Compassion (Luke 6:31)
- b. Believe the best (1 Cor 13:7)
- c. Forgive if needed (Matt 18:23-24)
- d. Make it a priority to resolve (Matt 5:23-24, Pro 6:1-5)
 - i. Face to face if possible
- e. Get help if needed (Ecc 10:10)

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION ?'S

1. What is something that you learned from the message?
2. Why do the actions of others affect us so much?
3. Give an example where your actions have affected someone negatively
4. How do you want others to treat you when your actions have been wrong? (Luke 6:31)