

WISDOM FROM PROVERBS
SCHEME: SEPARATE PART 1

*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. RELATIONSHIPS THAT CAN SEPARATE (1 Pet 3:8)

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| a. God | f. Pastors |
| b. Spouse | g. Church family |
| c. Your kids | h. Co-worker/Boss |
| d. Close friend | i. Relative |
| e. A new person | j. Neighbor |

2. EXAMPLES OF SEPARATING BY WORDS (Pro 18:21)

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| a. Gossip/Slanderer (Pro 16:28) | e. Harsh (Pro 15:1) |
| b. One sided (Pro 18:17) | f. Offensive (Pro 18:19) |
| c. Joking (Pro 26:18,19) | g. Misunderstanding (Pro 13:15) |
| d. Contentious (Pro 21:9) | |

3. HOW CAN I KNOW IF I AM SEPARATED?

- a. Is there anyone you have not forgiven? (Psalm 130:3,4)
- b. Is there anyone you think does not like/respect you? (Matt 5:23,24)
- c. Is there anyone you want to avoid?

APPLICATION

1. Ask God if there is anyone currently that you are separated from
2. If yes, what can you do to be at peace with that person? (Rom 12:18)

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION ?'S

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