

# TIMELESS RELATIONAL WISDOM

## *Part 2*

### **Be the changee, not the changer.**

#### **Don't be the jerk/fool.**

Proverbs 10:14 The wise store up knowledge, but the mouth of a fool invites ruin. NIV

Proverbs 12:16 Fools show their annoyance at once, but the prudent overlook an insult. NIV

Proverbs 14:16 The wise are cautious and avoid danger;  
fools plunge ahead with reckless confidence. NLT

Proverbs 14:17a A quick-tempered person does foolish things. NIV

#### **Acknowledge that you have plenty of room to grow.**

Proverbs 20:9 Who can say, "I have kept my heart pure; I am clean and without sin"? NIV

#### **Humble yourself**

Proverbs 18:12 Before a downfall the heart is haughty,  
but humility comes before honor. NIV

Proverbs 26:12 Do you see a person wise in their own eyes?  
There is more hope for a fool than for them. NIV

#### **Be quick to admit when you are wrong.**

Proverbs 14:9a Fools mock at making amends for sin. NIV

Proverbs 28:13 Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper,  
but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy. NIV

Proverbs 29:1 Whoever remains stiff-necked after many rebukes  
will suddenly be destroyed—without remedy. NIV

### **Speak words that truly benefit others.**

Proverbs 18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue,  
and those who love it will eat its fruits. ESV

Proverbs 15:23 To make an apt answer is a joy to a man,  
and a word in season, how good it is! ESV

Proverbs 25:11-12 A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.

<sup>12</sup>Like a gold ring or an ornament of gold is a wise reprover to a listening ear. ESV

Proverbs 15:2-4 The tongue of the wise commends knowledge,  
but the mouths of fools pour out folly...<sup>4</sup> A gentle tongue is a tree of life,  
but perverseness in it breaks the spirit. ESV

## **Don't drink too much.**

Proverbs 20:1 Wine is a mocker and beer a brawler; whoever is led astray by them is not wise. NIV

Proverbs 23:29-35 Who has woe? Who has sorrow?

Who has strife [NAS: contentions]? Who has complaints?

Who has needless bruises? Who has bloodshot eyes?

<sup>30</sup> Those who linger over wine,  
who go to sample bowls of mixed wine.

<sup>31</sup> Do not gaze at wine when it is red,  
when it sparkles in the cup,  
when it goes down smoothly!

<sup>32</sup> In the end it bites like a snake  
and poisons like a viper.

<sup>33</sup> Your eyes will see strange sights,  
and your mind will imagine confusing things.

<sup>34</sup> You will be like one sleeping on the high seas,  
lying on top of the rigging.

<sup>35</sup> "They hit me," you will say, "but I'm not hurt!  
They beat me, but I don't feel it!

When will I wake up  
so I can find another drink?"

## **Get pre-disaster counsel.**

Proverbs 20:18 Plans are established by seeking advice; so if you wage war, obtain guidance. NIV

Proverbs 24:6 Surely you need guidance to wage war, and victory is won through many advisers. NIV

Proverbs 27:9 Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart,  
and the pleasantness of a friend springs from their heartfelt advice. NIV

## **Look to God; Trust Him.**

Proverbs 16:7 When a man's ways please the Lord,  
he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him. ESV

Ezekiel 47:9b where the river flows everything will live. NIV

Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones. ESV