Endurance: Seek Peace Above All
Proverbs 25:8-18
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"Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm." – Proverbs 13:20

"Like a muddied spring or a polluted fountain is a righteous man who gives way before the wicked." – Proverbs 25:26

"Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of the evil. [15] Avoid it; do not go on it; turn away from it and pass on." – Proverbs 4:14-15

1. Learn How to Respond (vs. 8-10)
"What your eyes have seen do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame? [9] Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret, [10] lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end."

"Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners." – Matthew 9:13

2. Learn How to Resolve Conflict (vs. 11-13)
"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver. [12] Like a gold ring or an ornament of gold is a wise reprover to a listening ear. [13] Like the cold of snow in the time of harvest is a faithful messenger to those who send him; he refreshes the soul of his masters."

"but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, [16] having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame." – 1 Peter 3:15-16

3. Learn How to Honor Boundaries (vs. 15-17)
"With patience a ruler may be persuaded, and a soft tongue will break a bone. [16] If you have found honey, eat only enough for you, lest you have your fill of it and vomit it. [17] Let your foot be seldom in your neighbor's house, lest he have his fill of you and hate you."

"Make no friendship with a man given to anger, nor go with a wrathful man," – Proverbs 22:24