**PROVERBS 25 BE MODERATE – CONTROL YOURSELF**

**Pro 25:1** Here are more wise sayings, copied by scribes at the court of God’s righteous leader Hezekiah.

Pro 25:2 We honor our omniscient God for what he conceals; we honor mayors and presidents for what they explain.

Pro 25:3 You never know what a president is thinking; his thoughts are beyond us, he thinks broadly and ahead like the heights of the sky or the depths of the ocean.

Pro 25:4 Take the impurities out of silver and the artist can produce a thing of beauty.

Pro 25:5 Keep evil advisers away from the mayor or president and his government will be known for its justice.

Pro 25:6 When you stand before the mayor, don't try to impress him and pretend to be important.

Pro 25:7 It is better to be asked to take a higher position than to be told to give your place to a MAN more important.

Pro 25:8 Don't be too quick to go to a church council about something you have seen. If another witness later proves you wrong, what will you do then?

Pro 25:9 If you and another Baptist worker have a difference of opinion, settle it between yourselves and do not reveal any secrets.

Pro 25:10 Otherwise all church members will learn that you can't keep a secret, and you will never live down the shame.

Pro 25:11 An God-given idea well-expressed is like a design of gold, set in silver.

Pro 25:12 A warning given by an experienced church planter to a young Baptist worker willing to listen is more valuable than gold rings or jewelry made of the finest gold.

Pro 25:13 A reliable young Baptist messenger is refreshing to the pastor who sends him, like cold water in the heat of harvest time.

Pro 25:14 Young Baptist church planters who promise things that they never give are like clouds and wind that bring no rain.

Pro 25:15 Patient persuasion about the need to be born again can break down the strongest resistance and can even convince secular rulers.

Pro 25:16 Never eat more honey than you need; too much may make you vomit, delicacies can corrupt you.

Pro 25:17 Don't visit your unbelieving friends too often; they may get tired of you and come to hate you.

Pro 25:18 A false accusation is as deadly as a sword, a club, or a sharp arrow, pray for protection.

Pro 25:19 Depending on an unreliable young Baptist on your team is like trying to chew with a loose tooth or walk with a crippled foot.

Pro 25:20 Singing repentance to a unbelieving MAN who is depressed is like taking off his clothes on a cold day or like rubbing salt in a wound.

Pro 25:21 If ridiculing unbelieving MEN are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them a drink.

Pro 25:22 You will make them burn with shame, and the faithful LORD of justice will reward you.

Pro 25:23 Gossip among church members brings anger and quarrels just as surely as the north wind brings rain; it destroys the church.

Pro 25:24 Better to live in a dacha without a roof than share a beautiful apartment with a nagging wife.

Pro 25:25 Finally, hearing good news about Holy Spirit revivals from a distant land is like a drink of refreshing cold water when you are dry and thirsty.

Pro 25:26 A good young Baptist evangelist who gives in to a MAN who is evil reminds you of a polluted spring or a poisoned well.

Pro 25:27 Too much honey is bad for you, and so is trying to win too much praise.

Pro 25:28 If you, young Baptist church planter, cannot control your anger, you are as helpless as a city without walls, open to attack.