**PROVERBS 26 WISELY SELECTING GOOD TEAM MEMBERS**

**Pro 26:1** Praise for an incompetent young Baptist evangelist is out of place, like snow in summer or rain at harvest time.

Pro 26:2 Curses cannot hurt you unless you deserve them. They are like birds that fly by and never light.

Pro 26:3 You have to whip a horse, you have to bridle a donkey, and you have to physically punish a fool.

Pro 26:4 If you answer a silly question, you are just as silly as the MAN who asked it.

Pro 26:5 Give a silly answer to a silly question, and the MAN who asked it will realize that he's not as smart as he thinks.

Pro 26:6 If you, young Baptist church planter, let a fool deliver a message, you might as well cut off your own feet; you are asking for trouble.

Pro 26:7 A fool can use a proverb about as well as crippled MEN can use their legs.

Pro 26:8 Praising a MAN who is stupid makes as much sense as driving a car with a flat tire.

Pro 26:9 A fool quoting a wise saying reminds you of a drunk trying to pick a thorn out of his hand.

Pro 26:10 A young Baptist church planter who enlists any fool that comes along for his team is only hurting everybody concerned.

Pro 26:11 A foolish young evangelist doing some stupid thing a second time is like a dog going back to its vomit.

Pro 26:12 The most stupid fool is better off than those who think they are pretty smart when they are not.

Pro 26:13 Why don't lazy MEN ever get out of the house? What are they afraid of ? Lions?

Pro 26:14 Lazy MEN turn over in bed. They get no farther than a door swinging on its hinges.

Pro 26:15 Some MEN are too lazy to put food in their own mouths.

Pro 26:16 A lazy MAN will think he is smarter than seven young Baptist workers who can give good reasons for their opinions.

Pro 26:17 Young Baptist evangelist, getting involved in an argument that is none of your business is like going down the street and grabbing a dog by the ears.

Pro 26:18 A MAN who tricks someone else and then claims that he was only joking is like a crazy guy playing with a deadly weapon.

Pro 26:19 *(SEE 26:18)*

Pro 26:20 Without wood, a fire goes out; without gossip, quarreling stops.

Pro 26:21 Charcoal keeps the embers glowing, wood keeps the fire burning, and troublesome church members keep arguments alive.

Pro 26:22 Gossip is so tasty! How we love to swallow it.

Pro 26:23 Insincere talk that hides what you are really thinking is like a beautiful Chinese watch.

Pro 26:24 A hypocrite hides hate behind flattering words.

Pro 26:25 They may sound fine, but don't believe him, because his heart is filled to the brim with hate towards God towards you!

Pro 26:26 He may disguise his hatred, but everyone will see the evil things he does.

Pro 26:27 MEN who set traps for others get caught themselves. MEN who start landslides get crushed.

Pro 26:28 You have to hate a MAN to want to hurt him with lies. Insincere talk brings nothing but ruin.