**PROVERBS 27 WATCH FOR SUBTLE DECEPTIONS**

**Pro 27:1** Never boast about tomorrow, my young Baptist friend. You don't know what will happen between now and then.

Pro 27:2 Let other MEN praise your church planting efforts ---even strangers; never do it yourself.

Pro 27:3 The weight of stone and sand is nothing compared to the trouble that evangelistic stupidity can cause.

Pro 27:4 Anger is cruel and destructive, but it is nothing compared to jealousy.

Pro 27:5 Better to correct someone openly than to let him think you don't care for him at all.

Pro 27:6 Friends mean well, even when they hurt you. But when an insincere unbeliever puts his arm around your shoulder---watch out!

Pro 27:7 When you are full, you will refuse honey, but when you are hungry, even bitter food tastes sweet.

Pro 27:8 Anyone away from home is like a bird away from its nest.

Pro 27:9 Perfume and fragrant oils make you feel happier, but trouble shatters your peace of mind.

Pro 27:10 Do not forget your Baptist friends or your father's friends. If you are in trouble, don't ask a relative for help; a nearby neighbor can help you more than relatives who are far away.

Pro 27:11 Be Godly and wise, my young Baptist church planter, and I will be happy; I will have an answer for anyone who criticizes me.

Pro 27:12 Sensible young Baptist church planters will see trouble coming and avoid it, but an unthinking person will walk right into it and regret it later.

Pro 27:13 Any MEN stupid enough to promise to be responsible for a stranger's debts deserve to have their own property sold to make the payment.

Pro 27:14 You might as well curse your Baptist coworkers as wake them up early in the morning with a loud greeting.

Pro 27:15 A nagging wife is like water going drip-drip-drip on a rainy day.

Pro 27:16 How can you keep her quiet? Have you ever tried to stop the wind or ever tried to hold a handful of oil?

Pro 27:17 MEN learn from one another, just as iron sharpens iron.

Pro 27:18 Take care of a fig tree and you will have figs to eat. Baptist workers who take care of their team leader will be honored.

Pro 27:19 It is your own face that you see reflected in the water and it is your own self that you see in your heart and conscience.

Pro 27:20 Human desires are like the world of the dead---there is always room for more.

Pro 27:21 Fire tests gold and silver; a young Baptist church planter’s reputation can also be tested.

Pro 27:22 Even if you beat fools half to death, you still can't beat their foolishness out of them.

Pro 27:23 Look after your job or business as carefully as you can,

Pro 27:24 because wealth is not permanent. Not even nations last forever.

Pro 27:25 You make some wise initial investments, then go on and expand while your first investment is paying you dividends.

Pro 27:26 You can make wise use of your skills and energy and buy a church property with the money you get from selling some of your products.

Pro 27:27 The rest of the produce will provide food for you and your family, and extras for your helpers as well.