

## Introduction

### Hezekiah's Collection

1. **Royal Etiquette (25:1–15)**
2. **Interpersonal Relations (25:16–27)**
3. **Difficult People (25:28–26:28)**
4. **Faithfulness in Love (27:1–27)**
5. **Need for Law (28:1–29:27)**

### Interpersonal Relations (25:16–27)

**Don't be a nuisance.**

#### **Three General Proverbs**

1. The False Witness
2. Misplaced Confidence
3. Untimely Cheerfulness

**Be kind to your enemy.**

### Three Predictions

#### **1. Slander should lead to anger.**

##### a. The north wind brings rain.

1. The Cause
2. The Effect

##### b. Slander should lead to anger.

1. The Cause
2. The Effect

##### c. The Point

Application – How do we incorporate this verse into our lives?

1. We must discourage sin.
2. Slanderers readily speak because they are readily heard.
3. Silence of the slanderer is our goal.

#### **2. A cantankerous wife will be a problem.**

##### a. Historical Context

##### b. It is better to dwell in...

1. It is better to dwell in a corner of a housetop...
2. It is better to dwell in the wilderness...

##### c. ...than in a house shared with a contentious woman.

“contentious”

“angry”

##### d. Two general thoughts

1. Unbridled passions embitter and spoil the comfort of all relations.
2. It is better to have no company than bad company.

#### **3. Good news is refreshing.**

##### a. Cold water is refreshing to a weary soul.

##### b. Good news from afar is refreshing.

##### c. Perspective

1. Good news is refreshing.
2. Bad news comes too soon.

What is the point?

### What have we learned, and what should we do?

1. **Slander should lead to anger.**
2. **A cantankerous wife will be a problem.**
3. **Good news is refreshing.**

