

may choose to ignore it. You may attack the other person or try to cover it up. You may simply walk away. None of these responses is acceptable for a follower of Jesus.

What are we to do when a relationship breaks down? Jesus gave us an example in “reconciling the world to Himself” (2 Corinthians 5:19). The Bible tells us:

He loved (1 John 4:9-10). God took the initiative for peace. We were at fault, but He took the necessary steps for us to make things right with Him. While we were still sinners, He proved His love for us (Romans 5:8).

He humbled Himself (Philippians 2:8). Jesus humbled Himself and became a man. He set aside His rights and placed our concerns above Himself.

He suffered (1 Peter 3:18). Sin had ruined our relationship with God. Only a sacrifice could make things right. In giving His Son, God was willing to make that sacrifice for us. He made the choice to allow His only Son to suffer—even to die—that we might experience forgiveness.

He invited (Ephesians 2:17-18). Through Jesus, God has taken another step. He has sent a message to everyone. He has offered peace based on the death of His Son. We have the opportunity to face the reality of our separation from Him. He has invited us to confront the issues and accept His offer of restoration.

He forgave (Ephesians 1:7). We have been rebellious; God has been gracious. We deserve to be punished; His desire is to show mercy. Rather than holding our sins against us, God will forgive us through His Son. He wants to restore us to a right relationship with Him.



When we find ourselves in a broken relationship, we have the example of God Himself to follow in setting things right. He has shown us how to break down the barriers and find reconciliation and peace. To follow God’s model, we need to keep on loving, to humble ourselves, to suffer if necessary, to reach out to the other person with an invitation of peace, and to forgive. Hard to do? Yes! Impossible? No.

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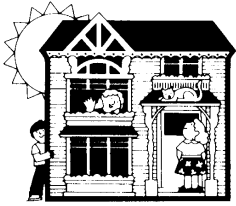
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What Do You Do With A Broken Relationship?

by Jim Pittman

Into all relationships a crisis may come. Someone is offended, you begin to draw apart, attitudes change, and bad words and actions follow. You





Our Home Bad Words II

Proverbs gives 9 categories of bad words. The last 5 are:

1. _____ words,



(Proverbs 18:8) "The words of a talebearer are like tasty trifles, And they go down into the inmost body."

(Proverbs 18:8) There's nothing so delicious as the taste of gossip! It melts in your mouth.

(Proverbs 11:13) "A talebearer reveals secrets, But he who is of a faithful spirit conceals a matter."

(Proverbs 20:19) "He who goes about as a talebearer reveals secrets; Therefore do not associate with one who flatters with his lips."

(Proverbs 16:28) "A perverse man sows strife, And a whisperer separates the best of friends."

(Proverbs 17:9) "He who covers a transgression seeks love, But he who repeats a matter separates friends."



2. _____ words,

(Proverbs 20:6) "Most men will proclaim each his own goodness, But who can find a faithful man?"

(Proverbs 21:24) "A proud and haughty man; "Scoffer" is his name; He acts with arrogant pride."

(Proverbs 30:32) "If you have been foolish in exalting yourself, Or if you have devised evil, put your hand on your mouth."

(Proverbs 27:2) "Let another man praise you, and not your own mouth; A stranger, and not your own lips."

(Proverbs 13:10) "By pride comes nothing but strife, ..."

(Proverbs 14:3) "In the mouth of a fool is a rod of pride, But the lips of the wise will preserve them."



3. _____ words, James 1:26

(Proverbs 10:19) "In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, But he who restrains his lips is wise."

(Proverbs 13:3) "He who guards his mouth preserves his life, But he who opens wide his lips shall have destruction."

(Proverbs 12:23) "A prudent man conceals knowledge, But the heart of fools proclaims foolishness."

(Proverbs 15:2) "The tongue of the wise uses knowledge



rightly, But the mouth of fools pours forth foolishness."

(Proverbs 15:7) "The lips of the wise disperse knowledge, But the heart of the fool does not do so."

4. _____ words,

(Proverbs 4:24) "Put away from you a deceitful mouth, And put perverse lips far from you."

(Proverbs 6:12) "A worthless person, a wicked man, Walks with a perverse mouth;"

(Proverbs 6:14) "Perversity is in his heart, He devises evil continually, He sows discord."

(Proverbs 8:8) "All the words of my mouth are with righteousness; Nothing crooked or perverse is in them."

(Proverbs 8:13) "The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverse mouth I hate."

(Proverbs 10:32) "The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, But the mouth of the wicked what is perverse."

(Proverbs 15:4) "A wholesome tongue is a tree of life, But perverseness in it breaks the spirit."

(Proverbs 16:28) "A perverse man sows strife, ..."



5. _____ words, James 3:2-12

(Proverbs 11:9) "The hypocrite with his mouth destroys his neighbor, But through knowledge the righteous will be delivered."

(Psalms 35:16) "With ungodly mockers at feasts They gnashed at me with their teeth."

