

CHRISTIAN UNITY PART 2

Gazelles, Birds, & Ants *— Oh My!*



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Out in the open wisdom calls aloud, she raises her voice in the public square...

Proverbs 1:20

Get wisdom, get understanding; do not forget my words or turn away from them. Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you. The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding. Cherish her, and she will exalt you; embrace her, and she will honor you. She will give you a garland to grace your head and present you with a glorious crown.

Proverbs 4:5-9

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Answer a fool according to his folly, or he will be wise in his own eyes.

Proverbs 26:5

Let's look at Proverbs 6:1-8

- ¹My son, if you have put up security for your neighbor, if
you have shaken hands in pledge for a stranger,
²you have been trapped by what you said, ensnared by the
words of your mouth.
- ³So do this, my son, to free yourself, since you have fallen
into your neighbor's hands: Go—to the point of exhaustion
—and give your neighbor no rest!
- ⁴Allow no sleep to your eyes, no slumber to your eyelids.

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DISCLAIMER:

The direct lesson of this passage concerns escaping foolish commitments and learning diligence from the ant. But these three animals also give us memorable pictures of how wisdom responds to different problems.

Sometimes we need to be like a gazelle...



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and GET OVER IT



Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Colossians 3:12-13

Sometimes we need to be like a bird...



Sometimes we need to be like a bird...
and RISE ABOVE IT



Let's look at a verse related to this

Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels.

2 Timothy 2:22-23

Let's look at a few other related verses

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

1 Peter 5:8

Their mind is set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ...

Philippians 3:19b-20

Sometimes we need to be like an ant...



Sometimes we need to be like an ant...
and WORK THROUGH IT



There is something missing from this talk

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