

## I. THE ANATOMY OF THE WHISPERER (PROVERBS 26:20-22)

### A. What does it mean to be a 'whisperer'? (Proverbs 26:22)

1. The whisperer engages in various forms of relationship-destroying speech like gossip, slander, and divulging secrets (Proverbs 11:13)
2. The whisperer's life is shaped by their whispering (Luke 6:45; Proverbs 26:22)

### B. The damage done by the whisperer (Proverbs 26:20)

1. The whisperer creates strife and quarrelling (Proverbs 26:20-21; 20:3)
2. The whisperer inflicts relational damage (Proverbs 16:28; Jeremiah 20:8-10; Proverbs 17:9)
3. The whisperer is intentional about the damage they create (Psalm 31:13; 41:7)
4. The whisperer breaks God's law and damages the community of God's people (Leviticus 19:15-18; Proverbs 24:28-29; 25:7b-10; 18:17; Romans 1:28-32)  
[untrustworthy whisperer][talk to, not about]

## II. CHOOSE THE PATH OF LADY WISDOM (PROVERBS 9:4-6; 10:18)

### A. The whisperer must leave their simple ways or face the consequences (Proverbs 9:6)

1. This means a whisperer must repent of their sin (Proverbs 3:7-8; Acts 3:19-20)
2. If the whisperer will not repent, then the community must remove the whisperer (Proverbs 20:19; 26:20-21; 26:17)

### B. The whisperer must walk in the way of insight (Proverbs 9:6)

1. We use our words wisely for building up (Ephesians 4:23-24, 29; Proverbs 15:23; 25:11)
2. The community forgives a repentant whisperer (Proverbs 17:9; 19:11; Ephesians 4:31-32)

SERMON REFLECTIONS

1. What is a whisperer? What are the kinds of speech does a whisperer do?
2. How does a whisperer damage a community?  
How can a whisperer destroy themselves (consider Proverbs 26:17)?
3. What would it mean for a whisperer to choose the path of Lady Wisdom? What responsibility does the community have regarding a whisperer?

ATTRIBUTES OF GOD I HEARD (CIRCLE THE ONES MENTIONED)

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|--------|----------|----------|----------|
| Good   | Wise     | Wrathful | Merciful |
| Just   | Jealous  | Faithful | Perfect  |
| Holy   | Gracious | Patient  | Love     |
| Other: |          |          |          |

KEY WORDS (WRITE WHAT THESE WORDS MEAN)

Indelible —

Vengeance —

Repentance —

NOTES OR DRAWINGS ABOUT WHAT I HEARD