

**Scripture Reference: Proverbs 29 / "Intertwined"  
Our actions affect others. Others' actions affect us.**

***People Exist in Relationships***

Though they are comprised of differing types and intensities, everyone shares many relationships.

This chapter in Proverbs highlights a few:

Families, Neighborhoods, Work, Society (Town, State, Nation, World), and Governing Authorities

Since relationships play such a big part in life, doesn't the topic deserve consideration by God and from us?

***This Proverb Highlights the Intertwined Nature of Relationships***

Action on one side of a relationship naturally affects those on the other:

The king's rule affects the people he governs. v. 2, 4, 12, 14

A child's decisions impact his or her parents. The actions of parents influence the lives of their children. v. 3 & v. 15, 17

A neighbor can be a blessing or a curse to another neighbor. v. 5, 6, 8, 9, 11

The actions of one aspect of society affect others. v. 7, 10, 16, 18, 20, 22, 27

Employees need to be lead and valued. v. 19 & 21

Solomon shares that in what we do or say, we must think about the implication on others. - Romans 14:13

That's a reason Proverbs exists.

***Proverbs are Meant to Challenge***

Steps should be taken to assure, as much as is possible, that one's actions do not adversely affect others.

Actions should be considered that would make you a blessing, as much as is possible, to those around you.

Because, living without regard for the implication of our actions on another is selfishness.

***Since God Speaks of Living Wisely in Relationships, We Cannot Afford to Think of Faith as Strictly a Private and Personal Matter.***

Faith has a private component. - Matthew 6:6

Faith is also personal. One cannot rely on others for his or her relationship with God.

But private and personal do not exclude the manifestation of one's relationship with God in the public arena of relationships.

Instead they necessitates it. - Matthew 5:16 / 1 Peter 2:12