



Title | Bringing Two Sides Together
Series | Enhancing Your
Emotional Intelligence
Text | Proverbs 18:16-19
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Sermon Notes

Proverbs 18:16

A man's gift
makes room for him
and brings him
before the great.

Proverbs 18:17

The one who states
his case first seems right,
until the other comes
and examines him.

Proverbs 18:18

The lot puts an
end to quarrels
and decides between
powerful contenders.

Proverbs 18:19

A brother offended is more
unyielding than a strong city,
and quarreling is like
the bars of a castle.

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Big Idea:

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For Reflection & Application:

Monday:

Read Proverbs 18:16. Is this bribery? Why or why not? How might the giving of a gift bring people together in a legitimate way? Is there somebody great in your life for whom a gift from you would be a wise investment in bringing you together?

Tuesday:

Read Proverbs 18:17. How often do you hear a report about someone or something and draw a conclusion without ever bothering to consider or investigate the other side of the story, especially when what you hear confirms your own biases? Why is this important?

Wednesday:

Read Proverbs 18:18. One way God's people made difficult decisions in ancient times was by the casting of the lot, but this practice stopped with the coming of the Holy Spirit to indwell believers at Pentecost (Acts 2). What does this suggest about how we are to make difficult decisions today?

Thursday:

Read Proverbs 18:19. Why do you think it's so hard for two people to be reconciled when they were once so close? Why is it actually helpful to know how hard reconciliation can be?

Friday:

Think about a relationship that may require your initiative in bringing two sides together. What one step can you take today?

Daily Prayer:

Lord, thank you for the wisdom you give me for bringing two sides together. Help me to see where my initiative may be needed, and give me the courage to take it.

Amen.