

b) CJB Proverbs 14:33

- B. Patience in the face of provocation spawns understanding.
  - i. Proverbs 14:29

***God's Wisdom in the Gospel produces humility, which gives us patience, that brings wisdom into our lives.***

### LIVE THE STORY

*We must not only love the Gospel Story, we must begin to live the Gospel Story, indeed, to have the Central Character live in us.*

- In what relationship(s) are you most needing to work at actively listening, and slowing your speaking?
- What are some specific ways humility can teach you to be patient with others as they speak, and even as they are provoking you?
- How do you typically respond to provocation? How easily are you provoked? What tends to provoke you most?
- Why does the Gospel, if understood correctly, produce humility in our relationships and in our communication?
- Read Proverbs 20:5. How can we draw out the purposes of one's heart? What is the difference between what we heard them say, and the purpose of the heart?
- Why do you think James tells us that the person with real religion “keeps a tight rein on his tongue”?

## Humility, Patience, and Wisdom

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Text: Proverbs 11:2

### Introduction

- A. Pride's Companion
  - i. Waltke: *Pride denotes...an exaggerated opinion of oneself that does not correspond to social reality.*
  - ii. Longman: *“When people hold themselves in high estimation, they will be denigrated.”*
  - iii. Humility's Companion
    - a) Longman: *“...the more [people] are aware of their weaknesses, the more they will achieve a success that will bring them glory.”*
- James 3:13

### I. Patience is seen in how we speak.

- A. Quick Speaking reveals a lack of humility and wisdom
  - i. Proverbs 29:20
  - ii. Proverbs 18:13
  - iii. Proverbs 29:11
  - iv. Proverbs 10:19

## II. Patience is revealed by how we listen.

A. Patience breeds listening which brings understanding.

- i. Proverbs 14:29
- ii. Proverbs 10:19

B. Patience protects us from relationship disasters!

- i. Proverbs 21:23
  - a) James 1:27

- ii. Proverbs 20:5

Rick Horne: *“Listening is active, not passive, and it is definitely a skill. It bears no resemblance at all to the “listening” that merely involves waiting until it is your turn to talk. Your listening needs to be a big deal all by itself. It needs to get your teen’s attention. Listening to angry teens must be big, thoughtful, and purposeful.”*

- iii. ESV Proverbs 15:28

- iv. Proverbs 15:18

- v. Proverbs 15:1

C. Patience wields a different kind of weapon.

- i. Proverbs 16:32
  - a) 25:15

b) Pro 25:21-22

c) Rom 12:21

D. Why is it so vital that we listen before speaking?

- i. Proverbs 18:20-21

E. Life-giving words produce a tree of life.

- i. Proverbs 12:18
- ii. Proverbs 25:11
- iii. ESV Proverbs 16:21

## III. Patience is seen in how we respond to provocation.

A. Patience doesn't have to be right!

- i. Proverbs 26:4-5

a) Proverbs 27:22