

Proverbs 19:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The discretion of a man deferreth his anger; and it is his glory to pass over a transgression.

Analysis

Discretion defers anger, demonstrating self-control that is fruit of the Spirit. The glory in passing over transgression shows strength, not weakness—it requires greater power to forgive than retaliate. This reflects God's character in passing over sins (Romans 3:25).

Historical Context

Honor cultures prized vengeance and retaliation to maintain status. Biblical wisdom radically redefines glory as merciful forbearance, anticipating gospel ethics.

Related Passages

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does deferring anger demonstrate strength rather than weakness in your relationships?
2. What transgression do you need to pass over for God's glory?

Interlinear Text

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The discretion	of a man	deferreth	his anger	and it is his glory	to pass over							
H7922	H120	H748	H639	H8597	H5674							
עַל	פְּשָׁע											
H5921	a transgression	H6588										

Additional Cross-References

Proverbs 16:32 (Parallel theme): He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.

Proverbs 14:29 (Parallel theme): He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding: but he that is hasty of spirit exalteth folly.

James 1:19 (Parallel theme): Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:

Proverbs 15:18 (Parallel theme): A wrathful man stirreth up strife: but he that is slow to anger appeaseth strife.

Proverbs 12:16 (Parallel theme): A fool's wrath is presently known: but a prudent man covereth shame.

Proverbs 20:3 (Parallel theme): It is an honour for a man to cease from strife: but every fool will be meddling.

Proverbs 17:14 (Parallel theme): The beginning of strife is as when one letteth out water: therefore leave off contention, before it be meddled with.

Proverbs 25:21 (Parallel theme): If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink: