

Quick to Aid, Slow to Accuse

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Proverbs 3:27-35

Isn't it fascinating how easy it is to jump into harmful actions, and to wait to engage in helpful ones? We often seem to spend hours or days deferring our compassion for our neighbors, waiting until just the right moment—but when something sparks our outrage, we are quick to complain to neighbors or social media.

These impulses represent the exact opposite of the wisdom that God calls us to adopt within our hearts. Living a life of compassion and righteousness means being quick to compassion and slow to accusation. Whatever we have available to share with others in love, God prompts us to give quickly and freely.

Likewise, we are not intended to ignore evil that is done to us. Rather, we are to be generous and gracious. Instead of immediately accusing others of wrongdoing, we are called to extend grace and patience.

We provide opportunities for unity, hope, and love, when we give aid quickly and condemn slowly.

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