

**SERMON TITLE:**

***"R&R:  
Reconciliation  
& Reputation"***

**TEXT(s):**

**Proverbs 25:8-10**

**PROVERBS 25:8:**

**"Do not go hastily  
to court; For what  
will you do in the  
end, when your  
neighbor has put  
you to shame?"**

**PROVERBS 25:9:**

**"Debate your  
case with your  
neighbor, and do  
not disclose the  
secret to another;"**

**PROVERBS**

**25:10:**

**"Lest he who  
hears it expose  
your shame and your  
reputation  
be ruined."**

**MAJOR  
SERMONIC  
POINTS:**

**#1: => neighbor  
#2: => debate  
#3: => reputation**

**SERMONIC PNT.**

**#1:**

**Who is Our  
Neighbor?  
"*...when your  
neighbor has put you  
to shame?"***

**SERMONIC PNT.**

**#1:**

The word *neighbor* is mentioned ~142 times in the Bible.

(Pent., Wisdom, Prophets, Gospels)

**SERMONIC PNT.**

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**Exodus 20:16:**  
"Do Not...bear false witness against your *neighbor*,"

**SERMONIC PNT.**

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**Exodus 20:17:**  
"Do Not covet your *neighbor's* (belongings)...,"

**SERMONIC PNT. #1:**

**Leviticus 19:18**

"Every creditor ...shall not require it of his *neighbor* ...called the LORD's release."

**SERMONIC PNT. #1:**

**Leviticus 19:18**

"Do Not take vengeance...but you shall love your *neighbor* as yourself:..."

**SERMONIC PNT. #1:**

**Mt.22:38-40; Mk. 12:31**

**Luke 10:27; :**

**GREAT CMMNDMT.:**

"Love GOD...Love your *neighbor* as yourself."

**SERMONIC PNT. #1:**  
**Luke 10:29-37:**  
**GOOD SAMARITAN:**  
"Who is my *neighbor*?  
...so which of these do  
you think was  
neighbor...?"

**SERMONIC PNT. #1:**  
**Romans 13:10**  
"Love does no harm to  
a *neighbor*, therefore  
love is the  
fulfillment of the  
law."

**SERMONIC PNT. #1:**  
**James 2:8**  
"If you really fulfill the  
royal law... 'you shall  
love your *neighbor* as  
yourself'...you do well"

**SERMONIC PNT.**  
**#1:**  
**ALL POLITICS**  
**ARE LOCAL...**  
"whenever you have  
2-3 gathered  
together... (*you've got*  
*a mess!!!*)"

**SERMONIC PNT. #1:**  
**Ephesians 4:25**  
**Not**  
**In**  
**My**  
**Back**  
**Yard**

**SERMONIC PNT. #1:**  
We must *compel*  
ourselves to go  
beyond our *comfort*  
*zone*...those we know,  
like, work/live  
with...even our own  
*race/culture!!!*

**SERMONIC PNT. #1:**

**Ephesians 4:25**

“Let each one of you speak truth with his *neighbor*, for we are members of one another.”

**SERMONIC PNT. #2:**

**PROVERBS 25:9:**

“**Debate** your case with your neighbor, and do not **disclose** the secret to another;”

**SERMONIC PNT.**

**#2:**

**“DEBATE:”**

...deliberate, tarry, be longsuffering, patient, forgiving, gracious, merciful...

**SERMONIC PNT.**

**#2:**

**Matt. 18:15-17:**

“Moreover, **WHEN** your brother sins against you...”

**SERMONIC PNT. #2:  
4 POINT PLAN OF  
RECONCILIATION**

- #1:** “go to him...”
- #2:** “take 1-2 more”
- #3:** “tell the church
- #4:** “let him be...”

**SERMONIC PNT. #2:  
4 POINT PLAN OF  
RECONCILIATION**

**ACTION #1:**

“Go and tell him his fault between *you and him alone*...you have gained your brother.”

**SERMONIC PNT. #2:  
4 POINT PLAN OF  
RECONCILIATION**

**ACTION #2:**

"But if he will not hear,  
take with you 1 or 2  
more... by the mouth  
of...word established."

**SERMONIC PNT.**

**#2:**

**4 POINT PLAN OF  
RECONCILIATION**

**ACTION #3:**

"And if he refuses to hear  
them, tell it to the  
CHURCH."

**SERMONIC PNT. #2:  
4 POINT PLAN OF  
RECONCILIATION**

**ACTION #4:**

"But if he refuses even to  
hear the church, let him  
be to you like a heathen  
and a tax collector."

**SERMONIC PNT. #3:  
PROVERBS 25:10:**

"Lest he who  
hears it expose  
your shame and  
your reputation  
be ruined."

**SERMONIC PNT.  
#3:**

**We SHOULD BE  
concerned about  
reputation!**

**SERMONIC PNT. #3:  
Romans 14:16:**

"Therefore **DO NOT** let  
your good be spoken of as  
evil; for the KOG is not  
eating and drinking, but  
righteousness and peace  
and joy in the **Holy Spirit.**"

**SERMONIC PNT.**

**#3:**

We SHOULD BE  
concerned about  
**GOD'S** reputation  
the **KINGDOM'S**  
Reputation!!!

**SERMONIC PNT. #3:**

**Matthew 5:16:**

“Let your ***light*** so shine  
before men, that ***they***  
***may see your good***  
***works*** and ***glorify your***  
***FATHER***

in heaven!”

**CONCLUSION:**

**NEIGHBOR +**  
**DEBATE =**  
***REPUTATION***