SERMON OUTLINE

Gracious Selected Proverbs

- I. God is gracious (Luke 6:27-37)
 - God helps those who can't help themselves (3:34; 22:22-23; 23:10-11).
- II. A gracious person gives grace.
 - A. A gracious person shows kindness to those who don't deserve it or can't repay it.
 - 1. To animals (12:10)
 - 2. To the poor/disadvantaged (14:21,31)
 - 3. To enemies (25:21)
 - B. A gracious person takes initiative to benefit others.
 - 1. Helps a neighbor in need (27:10)
 - 2. Encourage people (12:25; 25:20; Colossians 4:6)
 - C. A gracious person overlooks and forgives offenses (10:12; 12:16; 17:9, 14; 19:11; Ephesians 4:32).
 - D. A gracious person thinks grace, not justice.
 - 1. Doesn't take revenge (17:13; 20:22)
 - 2. Doesn't rejoice when enemies fall (24:17-18)
 - 3. Actually helps and serves enemies (25:21)
- III. A gracious person receives grace.
 - A. Treated graciously by God and others (3:3,4; 16:6; 22:11)
 - B. Rewarded by God (19:17; 22:9; 21:21; 25:21-22)

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