

# Scripture

## Proverbs 25:1-14 (NLT)

### More Proverbs of Solomon

**25:1** These are more proverbs of Solomon, collected by the advisers of King Hezekiah of Judah.

- 2 It is God's privilege to conceal things and the king's privilege to discover them.
- 3 No one can comprehend the height of heaven, the depth of the earth, or all that goes on in the king's mind!

- 4 Remove the impurities from silver,  
and the sterling will be ready for the  
silversmith.
- 5 Remove the wicked from the king's court,  
and his reign will be made secure by  
justice.
- 6 Don't demand an audience with the king  
or push for a place among the great.
- 7 It's better to wait for an invitation to the  
head table than to be sent away in public  
disgrace.

- Just because you've seen something,
- 8** don't be in a hurry to go to court.  
For what will you do in the end  
if your neighbor deals you a shameful  
defeat?
- 9** When arguing with your neighbor,  
don't betray another person's secret.
- 10** Others may accuse you of gossip,  
and you will never regain your good  
reputation.

- 11 Timely advice is lovely,  
like golden apples in a silver basket.
- 12 To one who listens, valid criticism  
is like a gold earring or other gold jewelry.
- 13 Trustworthy messengers refresh like snow  
in summer.  
They revive the spirit of their employer.
- 14 A person who promises a gift but doesn't  
give it is like clouds and wind that bring  
no rain.