

Wisdom for the Ears

Selected Proverbs

How helpful it would be if we could look at the comments of others as a gift from God to shape our lives!

1. Do you want a gift?
2. Can you get past the wrapping?
3. What are you going to do with the gift?

FOR FURTHER THOUGHT:

1. When was the last time someone said something to you that you didn't want to hear? How did you handle it? Can you think of a better way?
2. What assumptions do we make about people who oppose us? What might be some better assumptions?
3. Pastor Ken stated these premises:
 - I. God is in control
 - II. God brings people into our lives to shape us
 - III. These people are valuable no matter how they come across
 - IV. They all have something we can learn from
 - V. We need to listen to them allWhich of them is hardest for you to accept?
4. Read 2 Samuel 16:5-12 How did David regard Shimei? Why was he willing to let Shimei curse him? Do you have a Shimei in your life? Who is it? What might God be trying to say through him/her?
5. Read Numbers 22:21-31. Who spoke and got through to Balaam? Are there people in your life that you don't normally think of as worth listening to? Who might some be? Does this lesson in Proverbs show you any potential in gleaning something from them?
6. What do you do with words directed your way that are poorly delivered? What does it take to get past the ugly wrapping paper that some of these gifts come in?
7. Read 1 Peter 2:21-23. How is listening to others ultimately a matter of faith?