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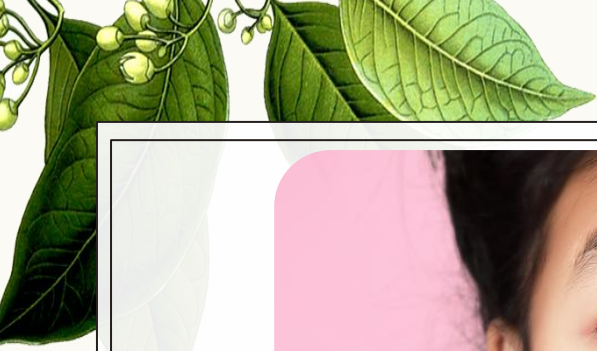
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# Silence Gizmos & Gadgets



**PROVERBS, LESSON 13:  
SOLVING CONFLICTS**

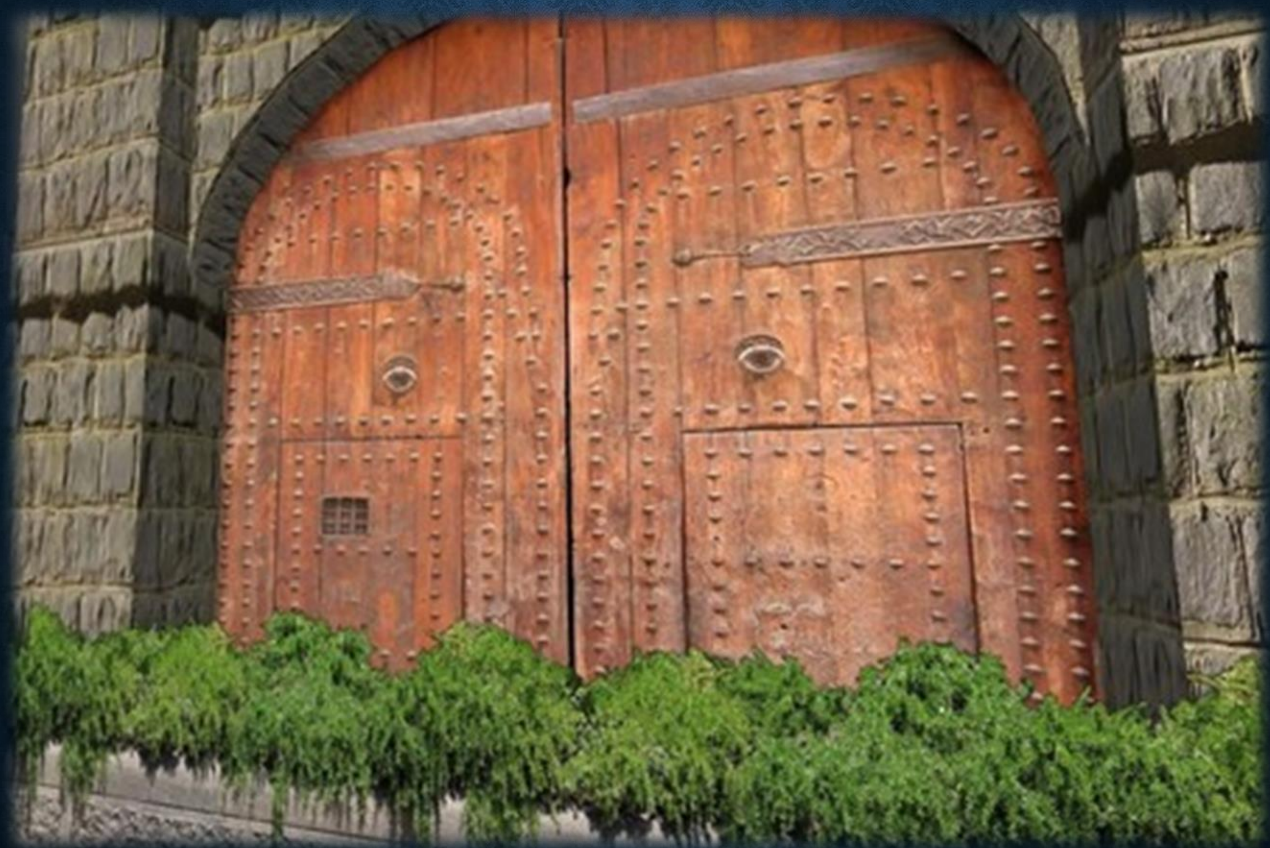






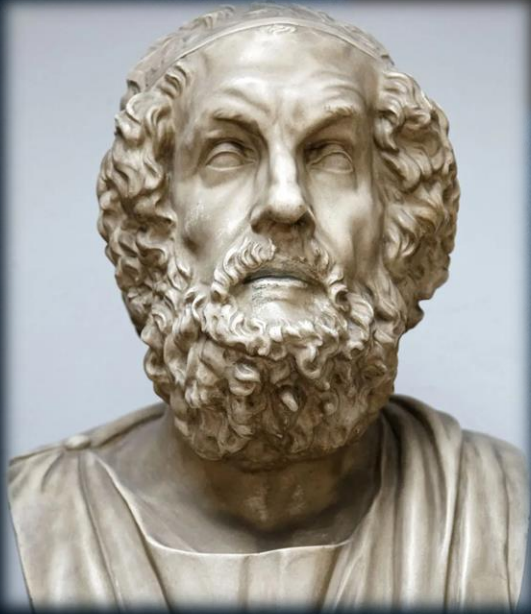
- Starting a quarrel is like opening a floodgate, so stop before a dispute breaks out (Prov. 17:14).
- An offended friend is harder to win back than a fortified city. Arguments separate friends like a gate locked with bars (Prov. 18:19).





**SON OF ATREUS, WHAT MANNER  
OF SPEECH HAS ESCAPED THE  
BARRIER OF YOUR TEETH?**

**- HOMER -**



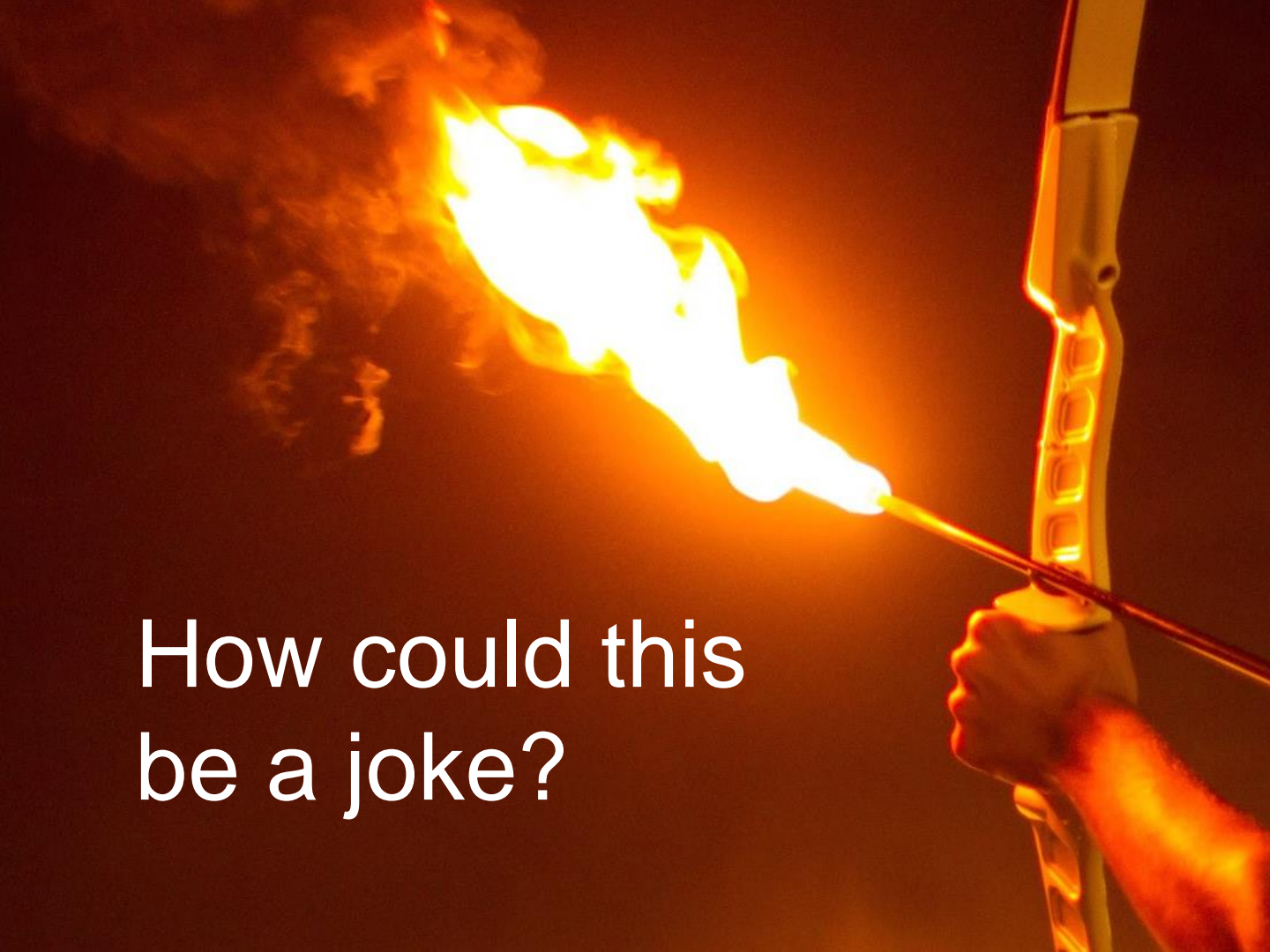


# ATTITUDES OF BRAWLERS

- Hatred (10:12)
- Insolence / Arrogance / Pride (13:10)
- Mockery / Cynicism (22.10)
- Contentiousness (26.21)
- Greed (28.25)
- Anger / Hot-Headedness (29.22)

Would you grab their ears?



A close-up photograph of a hand holding a flaming torch. The torch is lit, with bright yellow and orange flames and a trail of smoke rising from the tip. The hand is visible on the right side, gripping the handle of the torch. The background is dark, making the fire stand out prominently.

How could this  
be a joke?



# CONDUCT OF BRAWLERS

- Meddling in another's business (26.17)
- Lying and trying to excuse it as joking (26.18-19)
- Foolish Self-Exaltation, Scheming, Churning (30.32-33)

# CONDUCT OF A FOOL

- He speaks inappropriately (18.2).
- He's always ready to fight (20.3).
- He fails to see reason (29.9).
- He drinks excessively (23:29-32)

# A HOT TEMPER

- Is foolish (29:11)
- Stirs up strife (15:18)
- Causes a person to commit many sins (29:22)
- Makes one vulnerable (25:28)
- Disqualifies a man for church leadership (Titus 1:5-7)



# ONE WHO AVOIDS CONFLICT

- Has a contented spirit (17:1)
- Is slow to anger (19:11)
- Overlooks a transgression (9:11)
- Controls her temper (29:11)

# CALMING CONFLICT

- Use gentle, soothing words (15:1, 4).
- Don't respond with anger (15:18).
- Practical Tips: Change the subject. Listen more than you talk. Keep the discussion private. If necessary, leave.





NOT MY  
CIRCUS

NOT MY  
MONKEYS



An illustration of a tree with three wooden signs hanging from its branches. The signs contain the text 'Hear all sides', 'No favoritism', and 'Hear witnesses'. Several cartoon monkeys are depicted around the tree, some sitting on branches, some holding bananas, and one sleeping at the bottom. The background is a solid white color.

Hear all sides

No favoritism

Hear witnesses

# GOD'S VIEW

- God hates those who justify the wicked or condemn the righteous (17:15; Ex.23:7).
- Look beneath the surface so you can judge correctly (John 7:24).

# WHEN YOU'VE BEEN WRONGED

- Don't repay evil for evil (24:29).
- Don't seek revenge (20:22).
- Don't have a victim mentality (3:30)—You haven't really been wronged.



# A PEACEMAKER

- Has joy (12:20)
- Has a bright future (Ps.37:37)
- Is blessed (Mt. 5:9)
- Is called a child of God  
(Mt. 5:9)

# HOW TO BE A PEACEMAKER

- Be a growing Christian.
- Know God's Word.
- Obey the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for God to help you.

# HOW TO BE A PEACEMAKER (practical tips)

- Learn to agree to disagree.
- Pray for your enemies.
- Avoid hot topics.
- Don't insist on your rights.
- Keep confidences.
- Defuse situations with humor.



# HOW TO BE A PEACEMAKER (practical tips)

- Stay calm when tempers flare.
- Listen more than you talk.
- Praise & encourage others.
- Plan ahead to behave well.
- Don't be a doormat but pick your battles wisely.

## **GALATIANS 5:13-14**

For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

# JOY

comes when you put

**J**esus first

**O**thers second

**Y**ourself last