

Mid-Week Meditation
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One of the benefits/problems of life in the age of the internet, is the amount of information available to us at the touch of a button.

While there is a lot of dreck out there - creativity, good humour, and wisdom abound too.

The pandemic seems to have sent content production into “*warp speed*” – I guess people have more time on their hands to think, create, and share stuff.

Like the following [author unknown]

1. LISTEN without interrupting. (Proverbs 18)
2. SPEAK without accusing. (James 1:19)
3. GIVE without sparing. (Proverbs 21:26)
4. PRAY without ceasing. (Colossians 1:9)
5. ANSWER without arguing. (Proverbs 17:1)
6. SHARE without pretending. (Ephesians 4:15)
7. ENJOY without complaint. (Philippians 2:14)
8. TRUST without wavering. (Corinthians 13:7)
9. FORGIVE without punishing. (Colossians 3:13)
10. PROMISE without forgetting. (Proverbs 13:12)

I resonate to this on a least two levels:

1. I have done these things – interrupted, accused, argued, complained, forgotten and so on. This is good advice for me.
2. This author has good advice for anyone who reads, and the good advice is grounded in Scripture.

Notice that several of these bits are taken from the book of Proverbs – not a book I have studied formally, but one that comes to the fore from time to time.

Because of its nature, Proverbs is not a book that usually generates sermons. Proverbs only appears 7 times in the Lectionary rotation.

Each individual nugget of wisdom could give rise to a sermon – but they are markedly memorable, and lots of them stick in our minds when we hear them.

Like this non-Biblical one – “*all good things must come to an end*”