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- II. Snare for the Soul: Good Repaid with Evil (25:2-12)
  - A. David, the fugitive, seeks provision.
    1. Recapturing nostalgia?
  - B. Seeks help from a “likely” source
    1. A wealthy patron
    2. A Judahite kinsman of distinguished lineage
    3. One for whom he had rendered service
  - C. Refusal, with an insult on top
    1. Belittling terms
    2. Selfish motives
  - D. When temptation coopts positive motives, the potency increases
    1. When we are injured in a way that is universally condemned, it is infinitely easier to excuse our actions.

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  - A. Blind to the law he loves
    1. Between two examples of restraint
    2. Refrained from hurting his greatest foe, Saul, but bent on destroying Nabal
    3. Recognizes God’s anointing, but overlooks His command
      - a. Deut. 32:35-36
      - b. Lev. 19:18
    4. Emotions have swallowed up his judgment
      - a. Word study: “male”
        - 1a. 1 Kings 14:10; 16:10-11; 21:20-21; 2 Kings 9:7-8

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  - A. Nabal’s opposite
  - B. Responds quickly & generously
  - C. Incredible diplomacy
  - D. Points to the Lord
- V. The Lord Is My Shepherd(25:32-44)
  - A. Met by Abigail, David credits the Lord
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    1. Word study: “avenging”
      - a. You saved me from saving myself.
      - b. Ps. 139:23-24

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  - C. Leave it to God; He does it better.
  - D. Be willing to be the tool of intervention for others.
  - E. Pr. 3:5-8