

Who Knows Where Your Nose Has Been?

Introduction: Curious question: “Who knows where your nose has been?” It might (or might not) interest you to know that there are 15 Bible verses on the subject of the nose. However, we won’t be studying those verses today. Instead, I want you to listen carefully to what Paul said in **II Corinthians 12:20**. He was afraid of visiting the church in Corinth because he was worried about what he might find there. He said; “*I am afraid that when I come, you will not be what I want you to be, and I will not be what you want me to be. I am afraid that among you there may be arguing, jealousy, anger, selfish fighting, evil talk, gossip, pride, and confusion.*” There is a lot of wisdom in these verses including things we need to avoid. Let’s talk about those things together...

Discussion:

1) ARGUMENTS = Sticking your NOSE where it doesn’t belong.

- Proverbs 17:14 Proverbs 22:10, II Corinthians 10:5

2) JEALOUSY = Poking your NOSE in someone else’s business.

- Proverbs 6:34, Proverbs 27:4, Galatians 5:20

3) ANGER = Getting your NOSE out of joint.

- Proverbs 14:29, Proverbs 30:33, Ephesians 4:26

4) SELFISHNESS = Paying through the NOSE to get what you want.

- Proverbs 1:19, Proverbs 18:1, Philippians 2:3

5) BACKBITING = Cutting off your NOSE to spite your face.

- Proverbs 24:2, Proverbs 25:23, Romans 1:30

6) GOSSIP = Snooping around with your NOSE to get the scoop.

- Proverbs 16:28, Proverbs 18:8, 26:22, I Timothy 5:13

7) PRIDE = Looking down your NOSE at someone else.

- Proverbs 16:18, Proverbs 29:23, I Timothy 3:6

8) CONFUSION = Feeling that your NOSE is itching.

- Proverbs 11:29, Proverbs 25:19, I Corinthians 14:33

Conclusion: We need to find something better to do with our nose! We can find what we are looking for right under our nose. We can learn to see beyond our nose. We should keep our nose clean. And, of course, we should get our nose stuck in a book... the Bible! Who knows where your nose has been? You do. God does. We have time to do the right thing. Let’s focus on what matters and do what we know is right!