

2021.11.10 Family Worship lesson in "the Proverb of the day"

Proverbs 10:11–14 • "Wisdom of Words of Wisdom"

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- 11 The mouth of the righteous is a well of life,
But violence covers the mouth of the wicked.
- 12 Hatred stirs up strife,
But love covers all sins.
- 13 Wisdom is found on the lips of him who has understanding,
But a rod is for the back of him who is devoid of understanding.
- 14 Wise people store up knowledge,
But the mouth of the foolish is near destruction.

Pastor leads his family in a selection from "the Proverb of the day." In these four verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that a great part of righteousness and godliness is preparing and disseminating wisdom for our speaking.

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Proverbs chapter 10 verse 11 through 14. These are God's words. The mouth of the righteous is a well of life, but violence covers the mouth of the wicked.

Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all sins.

Wisdom is found on the lips of him. Who has understanding what a rod is for the back of him. Who is devoid of understanding? Wise people store up knowledge but the mouth of the foolish is near destruction. So as we frequently have and the proverbs and the proverb of the day, they have several verses here that focus and center around how we use our mouths and that's helpful tie into where we are in the songs in the middle of Psalm 34.

And you remember a couple of weeks ago, beginning of Psalm, I will bless y'all at all times. His praise shall continually be in my mouth so our mouths are for praise. Therefore, I'm going to talk about the kind of life. That you live. When you fear the Lord, we saw in last week's portion in Psalm 34 verse 11 and following, I'll teach you the fear of Yahweh who was the man who desires life and loves many days.

You may see good. Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking to seat. So there is much emphasis in the Bible on how those who belong to the Lord through faith, use their mouths. You use their tongues. So the mouth of the righteous is a well of life.

Nobody's gonna be dropping a bucket into your mouth to pull something out. But if they could what they would always find coming out of your mouth, not water, but they would always find life coming out of your mouth. The words of God, the truth of God, the precepts of God, good news about Christ and everything.

We know about God in connection with him and instruction to trust in him, love him, obey him, the mouth of the righteous as a well of life, but violence covers the mouth of the wicked. That is to say you don't really have to draw anything out of a wicked man.

Yeah. Whereas the righteous one might be slow to speak because he's obeying the Bible and often I think you have found this haven't you? That a godly man is more reserved with his words. You may have to draw a little bit and yet if you get him to begin talking, you find that has beneficial and edifying in life-giving.

You don't really have to encourage a wicked man to talk. He's happy to talk. It's right on the right, on the cover, violence covers the mouth of the wicked. And now verse 13 and verse 14 are more and more directly about the use of the mouth and that helps us to put verse 12 into content context.

There is important instruction here for our hearts hatred. Stirs up strife but love covers all sins. If we are. So the kind of person who is easily offended, the kind of person who's reading into what we see other people doing, or what we hear other people saying, then we may not realize it.

But this facilitating of strife, this facilitating of conflict and bitterness, and hurt feelings. And disruption of friendship and fellowship. It actually comes from the same place as hatred, hatred, stirs

up strife love. However, covers all sins. Remember when the Apostle by the Spirit talked about love in first Corinthians 13.

This is it keeps no record of wrongs. It doesn't keep bringing things up. It doesn't hold on to those things. I'm sure you have had the experience where someone with whom you thought you had peace and fellowship and reconciliation. And there was something there upset about some time ago, and he thought it'd been dealt with and then they blow up over something inconsequential.

Something that seems like it's small later and you start talking to them and they say, well, you always and then these list all the stuff that you thought was supposed to have been forgiven. Love, doesn't do that love. Also, with that current possible offense, the refuses to take offense, it believes all things hopes, all things, endorse all things.

It's optimistic about the other person and It assumes the best possible reason and the best possible motives. And then, even when it seems that, that there's assumptions have been proved wrong yet. It is willing to endure much love covers. Since What a harmonious happy house. We would have, if we all got better at covering sin.

Now, I'm grateful to God, that we have a fairly harmonious house, but I think it would add to the joy and the fellowship. The cooperation that we have with one another if we worked at assuming the best and covering offense. Even when that assumption is just proved Well that overflows through the mouth, the mouth is the number one way that hatred strife story, it's strife gets stirred up and the mouth is a good way.

Also to cover sin to bless when you accursed and to help move past the situation. Wisdom verse 13, wisdom is found on the lips of him who has understanding, but a rod is for the back of him. Who is devoid of understanding? Understanding is very important. If you do not learn to think upon what the Bible says and have it control how you speak and what you do then you are going to end up with a rod on your back.

Whether that's a physical literal wrought on your back or the chastening of the Lord that becomes necessary On the other hand. If you do store up knowledge thoughtfully, if you carefully reflect upon the Word of God, if you're often reading near Bible and often having paying attention when daddy teaches at home, or when the pastor or elders, teach or preach, and the church you're often listening and thinking and then you, you turn it over in your mind later and dwell upon it.

Meditate opponent is the is a good Bible word for that. Then you will be developing material for wisdom to be found on your lips and you can be the guy from verse 11. That people want to draw something out of your mouth because I know that it'll be life.

It'll be wisdom. Then finally verse 14, very similar wise. People store up knowledge but the mouth of the foolish is near destruction. And one of the things that comes out in the and how the parallelism here is unbalanced, it actually it takes a lot more effort to store up knowledge than it is, then it does for folly.

You don't have to store folly. You got you've always got a ready supply, you know, the market on folly is quite inflated. It's it's marvelously available. Destruction is always nearby. If you've got a fool, kind of like some of the, the silly cartoon comedy, in which there's a character that is constantly creating chaos and destruction On the mouth of a fool is like that.

It's not hard to create chaos and destruction And there are people and maybe you know, there are those who in for instance the fellowship of the congregation they float from person to person saying one foolish thing after another and it's like they drop a bomb here and knock over a tower there and yeah and yeah accidentally spill asset on a plant here, you know?

Yeah, metaphorically. But they just go from person to person saying things that are not according to the Bible without any intent to edify. And they spread destruction. It takes effort though to store up knowledge. That's one of the things that you should be thinking about if you want to love the Lord and love his body and be a part of building up the other parts of the body of Christ.

Then as you study and you're quiet times and your private worship. And as we have family worship times or in the prayer meetings or the the Lord's Day, preaching and teaching, one of the things you're doing is you're storing up knowledge so that you can have something to share just like the Bible teaches, you to work hard with your hands to earn so that you can have something to share materially with others.

Shouldn't we do the same spiritually and store up wisdom knowledge that we may share it with others. So four verses for helping us think about the use of our mouths and may the Lord help us use our mounts. Well, in our interaction with each other, so that when it does sometime to praise and to pray, we will have mouths that have already been set apart to the Lord in those common things and will be the more ready for the consecrated and holies of prayer and the praise.