## 2021.11.01 Family Worship lesson in "the Proverb of the day" Proverbs 1:1–7 ■ "Purpose for, Response to, and Foundation of Wisdom" click bit.ly/3k2sEOR to hear this devotional as taught in family worship (or scan QR code→)



- <sup>1</sup> The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel:
- To know wisdom and instruction, To perceive the words of understanding,
- To receive the instruction of wisdom, Justice, judgment, and equity;
- To give prudence to the simple, To the young man knowledge and discretion—
- A wise man will hear and increase learning,
  And a man of understanding will attain wise counsel,
- To understand a proverb and an enigma, The words of the wise and their riddles.
- The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Pastor leads his family in a selection from "the Proverb of the day." In these seven verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that Proverbs gives us wisdom, to which we are to respond with humility and submission, in fear of the Lord.

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Proverbs 1:1-7, The Proverbs of Solomon, the son of David, King of Israel to no wisdom and instruction to perceive the words of understanding to receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, judgment and equity to give prudence to the simple to the young. Men knowledge and discretion, a wise man will hear and increase learning and a man of understanding will attain wise counsel to understand a proverb and an enigma the words of the wise and their riddles.

The fear of Yahoo is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction men. God's words. So in the first four verses it gives us the purposes of this book versus five and six. He gives us how to respond to this book, or to use this book and there's seven.

He gives us the foundation of this book of wisdom. So, the purpose of the book is to give wisdom to those who don't have it or can't have it and the best way possible. And There are those you say, you learn by your mistakes, Many problems with that. Yes, if you make a mistake by all means and God's mercy and Providence, do you learn from it?

But you don't have time in your life to make all the mistakes that you'd need to make to learn from. And as we find out at the end of the passage, the mistakes quote, unquote are really living apart from the knowledge of God trusting in God, belonging to God fearing.

God walking before his face according to His Word and so they're not just mistakes. Foolish living is selfish living Living, that depends upon yourself, living. That is devoted to yourself living that the lights in yourself instead of depending upon God and being devoted unto God delighting in God. So you know your mustn't live as a fool.

Good news is the word of God and particularly these words God that the Word of God can give you wisdom and instruction and understanding. I can tell you what is right and prudent and fair justice judgment in equity Even though you might be simple. That is not able to think about all of the different things that are involved in a situation.

You can gain prudence from God's Word. Even a young man can have knowledge and discretion and so God has given us His words to give us wisdom. When we know that it is Christ too, by His Spirit has given us these words. For speeder chapter. 1 said it was the spirit of Christ who spoke in the Old Testament prophets.

And first Corinthians tells us that Christ is for us, the wisdom of God and wisdom from God for us. And so he uses his word or to give us wisdom and is beyond our experience. Now, that's the purpose of the book versus one through four versus five and six or how to use it.

A wise man will hear and increase learning a man of understanding will attain why his counsel. So we need to listen to what the book says. In order to put it into practice, We need to listen in a way that submits to the book. There are those who listen to the Bible, to see if they agree with it.

Although those who listen to the Bible for things that agree with them so that they can feel superior to others. There are those who listen to the Bible for things that seem curious or interesting to them but we must pay attention to what the Bible wants us to here.

This is one reason why it's important to develop skill at reading the different types of literature in the Bible. This is poetry mostly in in Proverbs for instance and seeing the markers in the text, the way things are phrased or words that are repeated, the relationships from one line to the next and so forth.

So that the Bible will control how we learn, But we need to come a students not assuming that we are wise, but assuming that we need instruction, glad to receive it, not just learning first half of verse 5, but to put it into practice. Second half of verse 5, attaining wise counsel by the Bible, and by Proverbs and specific in this passage.

God becomes your counselor, he becomes your, your guide, your coach throughout your life. Finally, in verse 7, the foundation of the book, the fear of Yahweh is the beginning of knowledge Here. Is the Ever Blessed God who has given himself to be known by us. So that we may know him and marvel at him.

A fellowship with him delight in him. And there is a sort of living that comes with doing all of these things. And this book tells us what that sort of living looks like and so that you may have the joy, the confidence, the blessedness, the effectiveness, the fruitfulness of a life that has lived and fellowship with God.

A life. That is a walking with God. This book gives you that wisdom that has it as its foundation, the fear of Yahweh. So, let's watch out that we not despise wisdom and instruction, and be a fool who says in his heart. There is no. God. If there's a God, we need wisdom and instruction so that we will walk by the fear of God.

Walk with him. But if we say in our heart, there is no God. Then we don't need any instruction because we would become our own. God. Wouldn't we like an instruct ourselves? God, forgive us. God have mercy on us and deliver us from such pride. As that, It's a very important thing in life to be instructable that will help you.

If you learn to be instructable with men, humble before men always assume that there's something you can learn, but it's infinitely, more important that you be humble before God, as you handle his word, The Lord grant that we would do. So let's ask him for that. My father in heaven.

We pray that you would help us to receive your instruction. Thank you. That you have given us your word for that wisdom. That we would not be able to get in another way so that we will not waste life or be wicked in life by acting as fools. Good despise with wisdom and instruction or who saying our heart that there is no God.

Don't let us do that, don't let that come from us or happen to us. We know that apart from Christ, that is what we would do and that's what we are. But we are not apart from Christ because you owe God, have been merciful, you have loved us and given your son for us.

And to us, I'm giving your spirit to us to apply Christ to us. So help us bug your spirit to fear you, and to walk with you in our life, before we ask it all in Jesus name, Amen