

2023.11.01 Family Worship lesson in “the Proverb of the day”

Proverbs 1:1–6

“Purposes, Prerequisite, and Propagation of Wisdom”

- 1 The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel:
- 2 To know wisdom and instruction,
To perceive the words of understanding,
- 3 To receive the instruction of wisdom,
Justice, judgment, and equity;
- 4 To give prudence to the simple,
To the young man knowledge and discretion—
- 5 A wise man will hear and increase learning,
And a man of understanding will attain wise counsel,
- 6 To understand a proverb and an enigma,
The words of the wise and their riddles.

Pastor teaches his family a selection from “the Proverb of the day.” In these four verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us to employ God’s good gifts in a manner that responds rightly to Him in the situations that His providence assigns to us.

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Proverbs chapter 1 verses 1 through 6. These are God's words. 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 demand of understanding will attain. Was canceled.

To understand a proverb and an enigma. The words of the wise. And their riddles.

They've been so far the reading of gods. Inspired and inherent word. Here we have many reasons. To read these proverbs. And to Pay attention. To learn. And even Things that we are supposed to do. With the proverbs.

We are to know. Wisdom and instruction. And as we see the Words of the wise. Being the subject here. And A wise man being What we hope that we are and will become This is not just to know wisdom and instruction from others. But so that we will be able to benefit others as well.

Now, it's helpful. That the word words appears in verse 2 and in verse 6, Reminding us that god has given us his truth in words. The Bible is full of words. The words themselves. Matter the words themselves are from the lord. So, this is important for our doctrine of scripture.

That we treat each word as breathe out by god. That's also important for what we do with our own words. Because we are created in the image of god. And so, We have a responsibility. That our words would give wisdom. That our words. Would be for righteousness and goodness and to do Uh, do good to benefit.

Others. But if our words are going to do that, we need to Understand. God's words first. Note that wisdom. And understanding and instruction are things. That we must receive. Verse 3 to receive. The instruction of wisdom. This is because we do not have wisdom and understanding in ourselves. Which means that one of the important things, one of the things that you have to have There's a prerequisite.

In order. To learn and to become wise. Is humility. There was a way of attending instruction. That judges. Whatever you are hearing by whether or not you already agree with it. The problem with that does not that you shouldn't be deserting, you should be deserted. Problem is that if you listen in that way, You can never grow because you will only accept that what you already agreed with.

There's also a way of coming. Instruction to show what, you know. Where you make instruction and wisdom. A sort of. Group project. And rather than recognizing that god has given Others wisdom. And understanding so that they may teach you. You come thinking i should really have some input into this.

But if we are going to be useful to others, one day, For instruction and wisdom and understanding. We must begin with humility.

To receive the instruction of wisdom. Notice the application. That is implied in the second part of the first three. Justice, judgment and equity. In particular.

Those who are in authority, especially need to have wisdom. Because god has entrusted to their care. And to their oversight. Other people in their lives. One day, i hope everyone of you will be a parent. And we'll have some authority. Was very important that you. You gain wisdom and instruction.

You gave understanding so that you can show. Justice and exercise. Good judgment. And be equitable. Applying god's. Wisely to each one.

These proverbs give prudence to the simple. And knowledge of discretion to the young man. First four. It will be much wisdom for the young man. If he Recognizes with proverbs one verse 4. That he is simple. It takes a fair amount of strength and humility and wisdom. To say.

I am simple. I do not yet understand many things. There is much more that i need to learn. And need to experience. In order to be.

Wise and godly an image bearer as possible. At this beneficial to my neighbor as possible. And even to myself,

We do not need to be. Ashamed. To say that. I need to learn. Because wisdom gives prudence to the one. Who recognizes? Is need of learning. In fact. Even after he has learned much. Look at what he continues to do in verse 5. A wise man will hear and increase learning?

So this is learning about stay the same. No, he keeps increasing. Why? Because he's wise. The wise man does not say aha. I now have wisdom. I do not need to learn anymore. The other wise man hears in order to increase. Learning the man of understanding. Is trying to acquire wise cancel the second part of first time.

So you see how much the Humility. In there earlier. Less informed less instructed stage in verse 4. Has benefited that. There are those who do not start out with humility. And perhaps they are able to accumulate some knowledge and skill. But they do not come to be. A wise man or a man of understanding Because as they build their knowledge and skill, they have not Established the habit of heart.

To be humbled. And to consider themselves as always needing. To learn more always meeting. Wise council.

The one who. Then has this humility that we See you in verse 4 and verse 5. He has not put off by. How difficult? An idea is, For a question is, There are many things, especially in theology because it's the study of god. And you'd have a Small. False deity.

If? Your god. Was simple and easy to understand. Not simple as in the Doctorate. Divides simplicity. But if it was as opposed to If he was, if he was easy to understand, he would not be the true God. There are many things about him. And holding all his character together, which is simple and him, but complex to us It all holds together in one, perfect.

It had. And yet we have difficulty and don't see how it all can fit together. And not just about him but about what he does and this world that he made, The work that he does in it and especially what we are. Like Deceitful above all things. And so there are these enigmas, these riddles.

But if we have humility, we come upon The difficulty of a question, the difficulty of Point of theology, the difficulty of a particular bible passage. And we know that god gives wisdom by his word, and we know that god Has given wise men and men of understanding to go before us to go ahead of us.

So that we may learn from them. We don't come to something hard and say, oh, it's not worth studying because it's hard or trying to understand because it's hard. No. We come to try to understand. We value the learning and we trust. That god has wisdom in him. About that.

We have wisdom in ourselves. So, we want to understand the proverb and the enigma The words of the wise of their rentals. So, there's much to be learned. That is important. That we learned. And we need humility. In order to do so. But the lord in his Kindness. Has so ordered his word.

The providence. To give us to make available to us. The wisdom that we need should desire.

Red, let's pray. Our father in heaven. We thank you. For this portion of your word for pray that Your spirit would bless it to us. Especially that he would make us. What wisdom for its right? Use of honoring you Benefiting others. Grant unto us a humility before you, but yet a confidence.

Knowing that, although Wisdom is not at us yet to something that can be received. Because you are pleased to give it. Thank you particular for those who you have sent ahead of us. Who are wiser than we from whom we can continue to learn. We pray, lord that as we learn and as we grow, You would give us.

The continued. Humility. That comes with true wisdom. But we asked these things in jesus.