

2023.01.20 Family Worship lesson in "the Proverb of the day"

Proverbs 20:3

"The Honor of Stopping Striving in a Quarrel"

- ³ It is honorable for a man to stop striving,
Since any fool can start a quarrel.

Pastor teaches his family a selection from "the Proverb of the day." In this verse of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that as the Spirit produces His fruit in us, He advances us in honor by enabling us to hold our peace and be peacemakers.

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Proverbs 20 verse 3. These are the words of god. It is honorable for a man to stop striving. Since any fool can start a quarrel. So far, the reading goes god's inspired and And Aaron toward, One of the ways that the lord gives us to, Enjoy and see that.

He has brought us to faith in jesus christ. Is by producing enough, the fruit of the spirit. Someone cannot actually be made like christ from the inside out unless It has been justified by christ already. It's been counted righteous. And so, one of the things that encourages us as we See ourselves.

Come into some of the hoped four thing like we were hearing about. And romans, five, three through five. In the midweek meeting. Is that the proven character? That god gives us. And in that particular case, it was proven character, through the means of affliction of tribulation. That produced endurance and endurance was part of that proven character.

And that proven character was part of the hoped for thing. The glory of god, That we rejoice in the hope of the glory of god. Part of the proven character. Uh, that the lord works in us. Of course, the proven character is describe, especially by the fruit of the holy spirit.

Love joy. Peace. Patience. Kindness goodness. Faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. And peace and patience and gentleness and self-control. Are very powerful things. This proverb tells us it is honorable, it is weighty. For a man to stop striving since any fool can start to quarrel Linda's. Implied, that any fool can continue a coral.

All you have to do is continue being foolish. And indulge your spirit. Not be the wise man who keeps bots and feelings to himself. Uh, but the fool who gives full vent of vent, to his spirit and whatever is in his heart is always known. But there's actually strength and honor and dignity.

In being able. Uh, simply to stop. Striving. Just stop quarreling. And, It's not just honorable, because of the Rarity of the effect and the how beneficial the effect is or how difficult it is to do the thing that Um, that brings the effect the stopping of this driving. You know, stronger as the man who can restrain his in spirit than the one who takes over a city, right?

But in the context of the bible as a whole, If it comes. Uh, not merely from the exercise of the will and superficial things and self-interest because Quarreling is unpleasant so that even a wicked man can be trained to stop. Quarreling if He sits down with his therapist enough times or reads, enough, good books, or whatever.

And his self-interest says, You know, quarreling is miserable and it raises my stress and it's bad for my health. I am going to practice self-discipline and not quarrel. But, The sort of not striving or stopping striving that we seek of course. As by the spirit producing an awesome character of christ.

The spirit producing us. The fruit. Peace with god. And if god is for us, who can be against us? And i don't need to defend myself. I don't need to prove that everyone is wrong all the time. Oh, sometimes i love those who are with me. Especially my brother.

By helping him with that speck. After i've dealt with my log, But i also realized that not, everyone is a brother who wants to be helped with a spec. Some people are swine, who trample on pearls. And so, Even the good that i might have told them for their benefit out of love.

I know practicing biblical wisdom. Is not going to do them. Good. Because it's pearls. There. So i'm And that isn't to be contentious of them. That's just to recognize how. Having peace with god and seeking to do. My fellow man. Whatever good i made. There's a significant difference. Between how i will interact with a brother who has A humility and desire to grow embrace and we're And we're all in it together.

Well, there's significant difference between how interact with him And someone who, Is always. Usually offended will always coral. Etc. And so peace. Uh with god through jesus christ. Our lord Well, the fruit of peace produces peace in the heart, that is the path to peace and relationship. Patience. That we are able to bear and forbear.

With the flaws of others and even the attacks of others. If someone is attacking me unjustly, i can just know that it is unjust. If someone's attacking me and i don't know if it is unjustly, i can. Ask the lord. To help me. To see if there is some merit, maybe not entirely.

Uh, what the other person is saying. But some merit i can Benefit from it. But i may be Patient waiting upon god knowing his goodness to me in the situation and therefore able to endure much that is in unpleasant. Uh, to To benefit from that good, which god is doing me?

And then there's gentleness. That reasonable way of interacting. Not according To the heat. Of emotion. But to That which is true and reasonable

and right. Gentleness also called. Uh reasonableness. New Testament word. As we're thinking about. The fruit of the spirit and of course, self-control, This honorable, for a man to stop striving.

Since any fool can start a quarrel? Lord, grant you my dear children. To view when someone else's quarreling with you. As an opportunity. To exercise and develop the fruit of the spirit. And see if god will honor. His work in you by his son, by his spirit. By enabling you to be one who stops.

Striving. Let's pray. Our father in heaven. We thank you. For your wisdom and your goodness. Even award the providence in which it would be This chapter, and this verse that you give us on this morning. We bless your name. Oh god, who have so loved us that you give christ for us.

Who have so loved us that you've given your spirit to dwell in us? And apply Christ to us. And we do pray that you would be glorified, that christ will be glorified that your spirit would be glorified. By your making us into honorable people who do honorable things. The very specially for our household that it would be.

In which striving and conflict are less and less. Because, Even when it begins each one, Finds the opportunity to have the honor of stopping striving. Granted, it would be a soul lord. We pray in jesus name. Amen.