

2022.12.02 Family Worship lesson in "the Proverb of the day"

Proverbs 2:1-5

"God's Word: God's Method, God's Way, for Knowing God"

- 1 My son, if you receive my words, And treasure my commands within you,
- 2 So that you incline your ear to wisdom,
And apply your heart to understanding;
- 3 Yes, if you cry out for discernment,
And lift up your voice for understanding,
- 4 If you seek her as silver,
And search for her as *for* hidden treasures;
- 5 Then you will understand the fear of the LORD,
And find the knowledge of God.

Pastor teaches his family a selection from "the Proverb of the day." In these five verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that since God has appointed His Word for us to know Him, we must come to it receptively, eagerly, pleadingly, intensely, and intentionally.

(The following is a machine-generated transcription. Please be aware of—and patient with—transcribing errors. If there is something confusing or obviously erroneous, you are invited to listen to the audio recording via hopewellarp.org)

Proverbs 2, verses 1 through 5. These are God's words. My son, if he receive my words, And treasure my commands within you. So that you incline your ear to wisdom. And apply your heart. To understanding. Yes, if you cry out for discernment. And lift up your voice for understanding.

If you seek her a silver, And search for her. As for hidden treasures. Then you will understand the fear of yahweh. And find. The knowledge of god. So far, the Reading of god's inspired and inherent word. To know god and to know his son, our lord jesus christ is eternal life.

If moment by moment day by day, We were knowing god. We had who God is what he has done. What he has promised and therefore, what we shall surely have we have all those things before us all the time. On our hearts, on our minds. Then with what love for him?

Would we live? And what love for our neighbor? Whom our lord has made in his image and whom he has commanded us to love. Uh, how impossible it would be. To fear or be anxious. And how small the wounds of men would seem. When we have, The love and the guarantee of the blessedness of our god.

And i ever present with us, Truly. Happiness is found and Healthiness is found in. The knowledge of god. To understand the fear of yahweh to walk. Or him. To be aware of him. Uh, not like Some fool with his back to the thing that is great to pretending that is not there.

Uh, but to live facing god and to know. That we are before his face. As he describes it. This is what we want. So, Uh, if we have four verses that are, if And that is the then. We want to pay really good attention. To those four verses. We want to know.

Uh, what to do this is the first thing is My son, if you receive my words, Now obviously, this is a godly father. Who is giving his children, the discipline and instruction of the lord. My son, if you receive my words, Not just here them, not just Point your eyes and ears in my direction.

Although, that is A good start. Uh, but if you receive the words, If you are receptive to the words, If you are soft, hearted. Uh, to the instruction of god. On the lips of your father. Or your mother. Uh, first and foremost note that The first and great. Deliverers or givers.

Of god's words to someone. Is the parents. Someone who locks Christian parents is way behind. On the word of god being given to them. Oh though garden his grace may save and bring them into the church. Grant that they would learn to read and have the scriptures and so forth.

Yet, this is the ordinary way. In the providence of god. This is what we should seek for. For. The instruction of the lord. From the scripture. To be what fills the life that yours? And then the mind and the heart. Of little ones long before even They can read.

Um, but you're to receive those words and treasure. My commands within you. Uh, like someone who has their Uh, their favorite thing or their favorite treasure? The thing that's precious to them. Um, And the holy is taking it out. Looking at it thinking about it. Enjoying the fact that you haven't That we would do this with the word of god.

That it wouldn't be something that we just, Um, Pull out when it's bible reading time. Or family worship time or Public worship time. But that it would be something that we treasure that we think upon And relish and enjoy. Considering. In our heart. Uh, now if you Receive the words and treasure of the commands.

Then you are inclined your ear. To wisdom. Um, now we're not just talking about receiving. What has given we're talking about, looking to hear more. Uh, that you would then receive and apply your heart or give your heart to understanding. Now it's not just treasuring the commands within you but seeking the instruction of the lord seeking the word of the lord, with your heart desiring.

And then following through, Giving your heart too. Those things. So that not only are these the things that your heart seeks. But they're also the things by which your heart is shaped So my son, if you received my words and treasure my commands within you so that you incline your ear to wisdom and apply your heart to understanding.

Yes, if you cry out for discernment. And lift up your voice. For understanding. The temptation. And a verse like verse 3 is to say Uh, well, this isn't literal. We can't always go around crying out and lifting up our voice And yet, there is a form of speech that is frequently described in the bible as crying out, or lifting up our voice.

And sadly, we live in unserious times. Uh, when we don't know the reality of god with us and we don't pray earnestly, Perhaps because of the strangeness to others, this was this would be something that you do outside or you find a place far away. But, It ought to be something that we are not strangers to.

Is crying out to the lord. If you happen to, Uh, happen to be swimming. You can yell into the down into the water and nobody hears you. Um, But you. Uh, can also do this with your heart, can't you? Uh there is such a thing as a silent cry.

The lifting up, the heart, the urgent, lifting of the heart. Uh, to the lord. What is it that you are urgent with god for Children teach us how to cry for what they want. They cry for the wrong things, and they cry in the wrong way. But at least they show us what urgency looks like.

Uh, shouldn't we? Want discernment the way. Uh, they urgently cry and plead and lift up their voices. Um, Shouldn't we? Uh, desire understanding that way. If you seek her as silver, Or as money. Wow, is it ever the? Plague of men's hearts. Not just unbelievers, but even believers to be constantly thinking about how to get more money.

How to increase the total they have. Hatching schemes, or Um, Working hard. There's an intensity. And the first part of verse 4, And then, there is an intelligence. And the second part of verse 4, if you see Cara silver and search for her as for hidden treasures, Uh, here there is Uh, the Uh, the planning the The.

Not just the intensity of desire, but the diligence of carefulness and follow through and preparedness. We know the means by which the lord gives us his wisdom in his work, and so we should order our lives. In such a way. As to be able, there are some people who love money greatly and they hatch many schemes for it.

Um, but They're just aren't self-disciplined. They're not self-disciplined to work hard. They're not self-disciplined to spend little But someone who searches for hidden treasure, he has to make sure that he knows Where to look and how to look and has the skills and has the tools he plans and he has to be very diligent.

Um, so also All we Plan our life and order things. Uh, so that We have a habit of seeking the word of god searching, the word of god spending time in it. So that we desire to and follow through upon, Building up the skill of understanding the Bible using what helps we have.

One of the reasons we pay attention from the lord has given us, A skilled teacher of the word isn't just so that we can learn what they're teaching but we can learn how to read the word ourselves. By the way, the word is opened and deployed properly. If you seeker a silver.

Intensity. And then in search for her as for hidden treasures. Intelligence. Not 100% satisfied with the word, even though, Sort of gives the Partner with intensity. But, Excuse me. Maybe intentionality. Search for her. Best for hidden treasures. And so, This is the way that the lord has given us.

Of. Knowing him. Let's buy his word. And it's, by Not just a use of his word that is. Uh, kind of like a routine of checking boxes. But a Receiving of it being receptive. A giving ourselves. Uh, to it are crying out our asking him for us because it comes not mechanically, but personally, Even if you're skilled and handling the word, only, if the lord gives you To have that word, penetrate your soul and be implanted into you.

Uh, will have its effect and so we must read prayerfully throughout not just Receptively, and And earnestly, but prayerfully looking to him for it. And then this, Uh, intensity. Uh, seeking her a silver. So you can wisdom and discernment and understanding Intensity and intentionality. These are the means by which god has given us.

To know him. We don't have to go up to heaven to get him. Uh, as if we could bring God down for the incarnation, we don't have to go down into the abyss. As if we could bring christ up out of the grave, this is how Romans 10 talks about it, isn't it?

It says the word is near you. In your heart. And in your mouth. He's describing what we have here, isn't he? That god gives himself to us. He's given himself to us. In the coming down of christ. And in the resurrection of christ, it's guarantees our resurrection to be with god forever.

But he gives himself to us now. Especially by means. Of his word. Let's ask a spirit to bless into us. Holy spirit. We do pray that this word that you have carried men along the rights that it is breathed out by god. You would give us to approach and desire.

And to look to you for And to Skillfully seek in the way that we have just heard about. For it is not just. Theology, that we want. And it is not even just understanding or disarmament or wisdom that we want. But it is to know you that we want.

We want to be those who live in fellowship with you. Awareness of you. Or at you worship with you. So that we will be full of love to you. And even more. That we will know your love to us. Which passes understanding which surpasses all knowledge. And, Uh, which negates dwarfs?

Anything that anyone else could do any any trouble, we have in any circumstance, So give us to know you. We pray. Oh, holy spirit. By means of your word. Grow us by the grace and the knowledge of christ. We ask in his name. Amen.