

2023.04.13 Family Worship lesson in "the Proverb of the day"

Proverbs 13:10

"Counterproductive Pride"

¹⁰ By pride comes nothing but strife,
But with the well-advised *is* wisdom.

Pastor teaches his family a selection from "the Proverb of the day." In this verse of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that pride puts us at odds with those whom the Lord has given us for our good.

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Proverbs 13 verse 10. These are God's words. By pride comes nothing but strife. But with the well-advised. Is wisdom. So far the reading of god's inspired and inherent word. We've been learning in 1st Peter 5. How pride is irrational because it ignores god is mighty handed acts as if the only two parties to be considered.

In any situation are ourselves and other people. About how foolish and ridiculous. We will immediately appear to ourselves in our pride and our self. Uh, exaltation lifting ourselves up. If we remember As soon as we remember that god. Is always present to us. His infinite glory and it's almighty power and is unsearchable wisdom.

It's perfect love and faithfulness in his holiness and righteousness and justice. Certainly. Uh, no one should humble them. There's no one should exalt themselves in his presence. All must humble themselves, In his presence. And so, we know that pride is Utterly ridiculous and irrational, indeed. The only way it can be maintained rationally is by a functional atheism.

They forgetting of god and acting as if he doesn't exist. Uh, which makes our pride even more contemptible and wicked. And make us hate the desire to be admired by others and to present ourselves as better and and above others in that way. But pride is also self injurious.

What good comes to me. If i lift myself up above you and treat you. As smaller and less than Myself and as if i cannot gain any benefit from you. Which of course i must be able to because it's god who gives all benefit. And he uses the small to benefit the great as much as he uses or in the same way as He is able to use the great to benefit the small because before him we are all small.

And to us. To all of us. He is great. If i am proud, if i look down upon you, if i prefer my interests to yours, The only thing that can come out of that is strife. Instead of our being useful to one, another are help to one another.

In in the goodness and wisdom of god as he has designed us to be to one another. If, and If i lift myself up, Then instead of being helpful to one another then we will hinder one another or even harm one another. By pride comes nothing but strife. If you think that there is nothing that you can learn to know, Um, No way.

Of seeing things, no training of your heart. Even in the case, or for the purpose of sympathy, if you are ignorant of all of the different ways that you might benefit, even from someone who's knowledge is much smaller and who has made it, Not made it so far along in grace as the lord might have brought you along.

But if you think that someone else, Cannot be a help to you, in God's mercy and In god's mercy and providence to you, then you're not so far along in grace as he bought. But, If you recognize, That not only might you be a help to another and loving them and preferring them.

Two yourself. You fulfill that role to them especially if the Lord has set you Above them in terms of authority and care and shepherding as a father over his children or an elder. Elder. Among the flock. But you also know. That there is much that we can learn from many.

Then you will be well, advised. Rather than lifting yourself up above others. Uh, you will be looking for the good. Rod will not only The good that. Uh, god may not only do through you to them, but the good that you are looking to god to do through them to you.

And if Um, if in this way, you are benefiting in all of your interactions by way of Of humility. Not thinking that. Those who are wrong. Have a point about their wrongness. But knowing That the lord may yet teach you something. Through them or help you in some way.

Um then you will have the wisdom of someone who is well advised. Even if someone is spouting falling. Patiently, listening to them and considering What they have to say. Uh, may well be away in which you learn how folly works, and learn to recognize it in yourself for much poly remains in, you doesn't it?

And so pride does not only offend god. And pretend him away. As we have. Been thinking about elsewhere. But by pride, in our relationships with one another, Comes nothing but strife. But with the well, advised. Is wisdom. Humility is one of Is an essential component. Of the The various ways by which the lord gives us to grow.

In wisdom. And let's pray.

Father, we asked she'd give us Humility and gentleness and kindness with one another. We pray, lord that you would reduce and eliminate from our home. Any strife? That comes. From lifting ourselves up, or In pride or taking events. Our pride is injured. Oh, lord. We asked that you would remove pride far from us.

And that you'd clothe us with the humility of christ. That we would be those. Humble to whom you give grace. Rather than those proud whom you oppose, Give it to us. We ask in jesus name Amen.