

2023.04.26 Family Worship lesson in “the Proverb of the day”

Proverbs 26:13–16

“Recognizing and Responding to the Twisted Thinking of Our Laziness”

- 13 The lazy man says, “There is a lion in the road!
A fierce lion is in the streets!”
- 14 As a door turns on its hinges,
So does the lazy man on his bed.
- 15 The lazy man buries his hand in the bowl;
It wearies him to bring it back to his mouth.
- 16 The lazy man is wiser in his own eyes
Than seven men who can answer sensibly.

Pastor teaches his family a selection from “the Proverb of the day.” In these four verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us how to recognize the wickedness and stupidity that is behind our laziness.

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Proverbs 26 verses 13 through 16. These are God's words. The lazy man says there's a lion in the road. A fierce lion is in the streets. As a door, turns on its hinges. So does the lazy man on his bed? The lazy man, buries his hand in the bowl.

It wearies him. To bring it back to his mouth. The lazy man is wiser in his own eyes. Than seven men. Who can answer sensibly? So far the reading of god's inspired and generate growth inherent worked. We're grateful to God that he has given. His son, our lord Jesus.

To be our redeemer to be our righteousness. He is Not the lazy man. He is accomplished, all his work does so in good season. Did so and good season with joy. And wisdom offering himself up unto god. And deity grew, not only in stature. But in favor with god and with men and in wisdom, And yet there is much remaining fleshliness and us.

Even those of us who are joined to Jesus, due faith that we want to identify how the lazy man thinks so that we can tell whether The way we are thinking and the way we are responding to our current situation is coming from the new nature that is in Christ.

The current nature that is in Christ or whether it remains from our former nature. That was an atom. So, the first thing that we see about the lazy man in verse 13, is. Both. That he Uh, is fearful and That he is irrationally fearful first. He's fearful The lazy man says there's a lion in the road.

A fierce lion is in the streets. In other words, he can't go to work today. Uh, there might be a lion out there. Well. If such a thing as a lion did end up being in the streets. Uh, that would come in the providence of god. The lord has given us work to do not, of course at the cost of unnecessary endangerment of life, which violates the sixth commandment.

But, The godly man, the diligent man. Receives those surprises that come in the providence of god, as from the god who has made him. And from the god, who is redeemed him? And so he is suited for unexpected terrorists. Because he has an always relied upon. Um, Confidence and strength and god himself.

The other thing is, That this is irrational one who is? Uh, taken up with fear one, who does not have confidence. Uh, in Um, in the lord. He is. More likely to become. A conspiracy theorist as opposed to a conspiracy factualist. A conspiracy factualist. I'm wondering, who knows? Uh, total depravity is true, and is making the best sense, he can from the data, first, and foremost, in God's word.

And then in god's world, that's the conspiracy factualist. The conspiracy theorist is always afraid of what might happen. Or what people might be doing. Lions did not ordinarily, go into or near towns. Uh, they Uh, they would not ordinarily. Be found in the road or in the streets, and it was a possible that a lion could be Around.

Yes, it's possible. Uh, but not likely. This man is a rational. Uh, in In his fear. He's using it perhaps even as an excuse probably does not actually worry that there is a lion in the streets. He is giving it as a reason for not working. You makes excuses as a door turns on its hinges.

So does the lazy man. On his bed. Um, There are lots of things you can do. Uh, when you are. Um, When it's time. To get up. Or when you are awakened. Somehow from your sleep and it's close to the time to get up. It is futile to try to get.

Just a little bit more sleep, just a little bit more sleep, just a little bit more sleep. Even before there was such a thing as an alarm. There was such a thing as hitting snooze, as it were, Um yes, sometimes it may be wise To get more. Uh, to get more sleep.

That that is not what. Being described here. It is almost comical. It is satirical. It is mocking as a door turns on its hinges. So does the lazy man on his bed? He is stuck to the mat. Uh like a door is stuck to its hinges, he's never going to get out of there because whenever he tries to move, he's stuck to the bed.

So he just turns over to the other side instead of actually Getting out of the bed. Um, lazy man doesn't finish doesn't Doesn't. Make that push to

the completion of the task so much. So that even when the task is feeding himself, he doesn't do it. The. Lazy man, berries.

His hand. In the bowl or in the dish that we eeries him. To bring it back. To his mouth. Or he, Um, The picture here. Is. His hand went to the bowl to die because he wasn't diligent enough. Uh, to actually feed himself. Don't. Don't let yourself grow weary mid task finish.

The good that you start. And then finally, the lazy man is wiser in his own eyes. Than seven men. It can answer sensibly. Uh, he's not lazy. Because it's too hard. He's not lazy because he doesn't He's not physically well enough to do it today. He's not lazy because of the circumstances.

He is lazy because he is committed to laziness. And he will not be talked out about it, talked out of his laziness. You could have seven men. Of course, it's a number of complete message means it doesn't matter how many men Try to reason with him, he is so committed to his laziness that he will always have an explanation.

For why he is not going to. Uh, why he's not going to do the task? So, we need to recognize when we're thinking in these ways. Uh, when there's something, we know we should do and we start being afraid. Of. Of. Uh, what might happen? If we do the thing, that we know that we should recognize that we're being the lazy man from verse 13 trust in the lord, and his good providence.

And, Decide not to be afraid. If we don't feel like getting up. Yeah, may the lord bring to our mind. As soon as we flip over in in bed when it's time to be awake. Not time to be asleep. This isn't talking about restlessness. May the lord bring to your mind.

The lazy man is like a door on his hinges. And take the pin out of those door hinges and get out of your bed. Finish what you started. Don't grow tired, or weary in. In the middle of a task and give up on it, there may be things to do.

Um, For the moment that help you complete the task. But do not slouch into Uh, giving up on it, verse 15. And finally verse 16 When people are starting to reason with you and you are coming up with reasons, why everyone else is in the world is wrong than you.

Ask yourself the question. May am i just committed to not doing this? Or is it really true that i alone them wise in the whole rest of the world are pools. Um, It's not the latter. The lazy man. As wiser in his own eyes, and that's dreadful. Um, because if, if we had just come out of verse 12, We would have heard, do you see a man who has wise in his own eyes?

There is more hope for a fool. That's saying a lot in the context of the book of proverbs. Than for him. Let's pray that the lord would help us. Forward. We thank you for counting crisis righteousness for us. We thank you for the work of your spirit applying. His life to us, through faith.

We pray that you would make us to be like him. Pray that you would help us to remember the instructions from this portion of your word. Um, So that we might recognize When we are being lazy. What is coming from our fleshliness? Even if it appears. Uh, like Uh, wisdom.

To us help us. Oh, lord. Don't let us be wise in our own eyes. Grow us in the grace and the knowledge of christ, we ask in his name. Amen.