

2023.05.17 Family Worship lesson in “the Proverb of the day”

Proverbs 17:16

“Getting Wisdom Requires Grace”

16 Why is there in the hand of a fool the purchase price of wisdom,
Since he has no heart for it?

Pastor teaches his family a selection from “the Proverb of the day.” In this verse of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that having the opportunity and mechanics by which wisdom is obtained can do us no good apart from God’s gracious working in our hearts.

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Proverbs 17 verse 16. Why is there in the hand of a fool? The purchase price of wisdom. Since he has no heart. For it. Listens this breeding of god's inspired and inherent word. Which reminds us that although you may quite, literally, purchase an education. And so this could be quite literal or it could be slightly representative talking about.

Uh, the ability to study or the availability of people who Um, would correct him or instruct him. Or the availability of books or experiences or whatever it is. You remember, wisdom is available to all She cries out in the streets. God has. Um, so designed his world so that It's quite obvious.

What wisdom is and how it can be increased. And yet just as we know wealth cannot make a man wise Uh, so the lord uses That fact here to remind us, That what we need is new hearts. What we need is to be changed. Uh, what we need is grace from god.

Not just, Opportunity. Uh, to obtain. And ability to. To enlist the means, by which wisdom comes. We need to be the sort of person. Into whom wisdom can come. And that only comes by. The grace of god, that makes a man new by his spirit. That only comes. In faith.

And in union with the lord jesus, So, one of the things that that does for you, Is when you realize that you need to be a lot more wise about what you do or what you say or how you say it, or Um, choices desires, things like that. And You've been doing all the things.

Uh, maybe one of the things that you have forgotten. Is dependence upon the lord waiting upon him for it. Um, This is one of the ways by which he brings us low in humility. Making us see how needy we are still. Of his grace to work in our hearts for him to be.

Uh, the one who does it in us. And, Which is a mercy because then the way that we get it is in fellowship with him in relationship with him. And he gives us. To have an increasing experience of that, which will be having itself, which is to know God.

So, dependence isn't necessarily Um, You know, dependency isn't A bad thing. Uh, but it must be put to good use. That we actually, Exercise, dependence upon him. In prayer and trust and faith and vote and persistence. One of the reasons you persist despite your poor results so far. Is that you have hope?

That the resources for increase of wisdom. For you are in him. And since he will not run out of them, you continue to use his meetings and look to him. And humbly, accept. However, long it takes to grow the pace at which it takes to grow. I always mourning over ourselves, obviously.

But always hopeful, In him. Um, But, If god is not your hope and he's not your help and he's not your happiness. Then don't expect That you'll actually be able to grow. Intro wisdom. Why is there the hand in the hand of a fool? The purchase price of wisdom.

Since he has no heart. We need new hearts. We need God's work on our hearts.

Father, thank you for This brief verse and this reminder. Of our initial and ongoing dependence upon you. To do the work in our hearts. Thank you for your worship. But you have filled it with your word that you attend it by your spirit. And then you attend us by your spirit that you've sealed us with him that you have indwelt us by He is called, alongside us.

To be our paraclete to be our helper. So, we ask in jesus's name that Indeed, he would help us. And we would walk with you in fellowship with you. Communion with christ. And be wise, which we ask in his name, amen.