

2023.05.16 Family Worship lesson in “the Proverb of the day”

Proverbs 16:21–24

“Wise Hearts, Wise Lips”

<sup>21</sup>The wise in heart will be called prudent,  
And sweetness of the lips increases learning.

<sup>22</sup>Understanding is a wellspring of life to him who has it.  
But the correction of fools is folly.

<sup>23</sup>The heart of the wise teaches his mouth,  
And adds learning to his lips.

<sup>24</sup>Pleasant words are like a honeycomb,  
Sweetness to the soul and health to the bones.

Pastor teaches his family a selection from “the Proverb of the day.” In these four verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that wise (sweet) hearts produce wise (sweet) lips that produce wise (sweet) words for a wise (sweet) life.

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Pleasant words are like a honeycomb. Sweetness to the soul. And health to the bones.

So, throw the reading of god's. Inspired in the narrator.

Because the fear of the lord is beginning of wisdom. It brings. Every part of who we are. And to submission to him. So, recognizing What the heart is for. Recognize the heart is for. Observing receiving submitting to deciding according to the word of god. So observing the word of god, receiving the word of god deciding things, according to the word of god.

Submitting to the word of god. And it's that. Heart submitted to and yielded to the lord. That leads to someone being called prudent. Or at least being called prudent by the wise, and the godly and the righteous. Often. We desire, that others would think that we are wise. And so, Uh, we try to say and do things that we think will appear wise to them.

But the path to being recognized as wives. As having a heart that is submitted to god.

Sweetness of the lips increases learning.

The same desire to be thought of as prudent can sometimes have information. That is good to convey. Uh, but we often think that Quantity of speech will increase learning or forcefulness of the lips. Uh, will increase learning. Offered on meet a young person. Um, Who says they're into apologetics and what they mean, is they're into arguing Uh, but there is That wisdom of knowing how to speak in such a way, giving things in their biblical proportion, appealing.

You know, presenting that which the scriptures describe as Being appealing, which most of all, of course is christ. And so presenting things. In their connection with christ, the relation to him and so forth. Learning how to package, something sweetly Um,

There's a, there's a big part of true apologetics increasing. Winning Understanding is a wellspring of life. To him, who has it? But the correction of fools. Is folly. And so the, the wise one, Enjoys the benefits of what he understands. And enjoys the benefits. Of when he doesn't understand and when he does incorrectly and so he gets corrected, he gets benefit.

Um, benefit from both. A full. Not only lacks understanding to begin with, but as unhelpable by correction,

Often the fool is the only one in the room. Who doesn't know that he's a fool. Because he thinks he has understanding and can't be corrected by anybody. And so he's amazed at how stupid everyone else is. But it's because he's actually the fool. The one who is correctable.

Uh, not only does he benefit from the correction. But he will be increasing and understanding that actually helps him. And so there's this theme of Humility. And, Graciousness in verse 21. 22 again. The heart of the wise, teaches his mouth. He is not looking to teach everybody else with his mouth.

Yes, he will want to be beneficial to others. He will recognize Uh, the right. Time to say the right things, the right way. But the first person he's trying to teach as himself. He doesn't spend the conversation. Figuring out how to fix all these people around him. But he considers his own words, he fixes himself, it's heart is instructing himself.

Self-control. Is the first form of true leadership. Learning to lead your own self. Well, So, the heart of the wise. Teaches his mouth. And dad's learning to his lips. Pleasant words are like a honeycomb. Sweetness to the soul. And health to the bones. And this is both to those who hear them.

And to those who give them, It is a genuine. Uh, it is a profound mercy from god. When he helps you as you're considering how to speak and you want to speak in a way that is from his word, and we'll be helpful to the person and By his grace you make those considerations and then you speak.

And it actually is helpful. It's Uh, pleasant and Um, Maybe not the Maybe not a pleasant thing to hear, but pleasant that you did here that they did hear it. And they grow from it, and they appreciate they give god, thanks for it. And you of course Give. God, thanks to it.

It's marvelous. To. Be useful, too. Your brother or sister. Uh, especially in in the area of Um encouragement. Been good council. Exhortation, even correction and rebuke as it fits it, it fits in among those things. Because it's a privilege that participates in. One of the great ways that god loves us.

One of the great ways that God has loved uses. Is to give us his own perfect word. And so, when we are wise and careful and thoughtful, Humble before god and consideration about ourselves humble and our manner towards others. And then god, blesses, that and makes it useful. Uh, it is.

Truly pleasant and sweet to us ourselves. So four verses encouraging us to be Skillful. In conversation. Let's pray and ask that the lord would help us in it. Lord, we ask that. Your spirit would continue applying. Christ to our hearts. But, Out of the overflow of Hearts filled with your grace.

Our mouths would pour fourth gracious speech. And that you would thus conform us to the image of our savior, the lord jesus. In his name, we ask him. Amen.