

2024.05.28 Family Worship lesson in "the Proverb of the day"

Proverbs 28:2

"The Twin Tyrannies"

<sup>2</sup> Because of the transgression of a land, many *are* its princes;  
But by a man of understanding *and* knowledge  
Right will be prolonged.

Pastor teaches his family a selection from "the Proverb of the day." In this verse of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us how letting sin tyrannize our hearts leads to being tyrannized by others.

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Proverbs 28 and verse 2. These are the words of God because of the transgression of a land, many are its princes. But by a man of understanding and knowledge, Right will be prolonged.

So, for the reading of God, Inspired and inherent word. My dear children, there is a principal here in this passage. That will make for a much happier life for you.

In this house. And your whole lifelong. If you will heed it. And that is, That the best way to not need to be controlled by others. Is to have self-control. The reason. Authorities in a land, end up having to be multiplied. The reason Um, the tyranny. Uh, would need to be increased.

And, Often tyranny increases. Simply because men are sinful and want to control others. But when people are sinful and transgressing, And sinning, especially against one another. It is impossible that Society would be maintained. And so the more wicked people are the more they live for themselves, the more they disregard others, the more they sin against others.

The more authoritarian. The government needs to be and the larger. The government needs to be. This applies, not only to sins committed violently against one another, but even the sin of laziness Since we're all created by God to work hard and to be fruitful If instead of working hard and being fruitful and diligent, Uh, and being productive.

So that we have not yet, we are producing not only enough for ourselves but also for others and producing many things. So that there is much to be traded and enjoyed by all and We all clean up after ourselves. We live with dignity, respecting ourselves and respecting others. If we live that way, then we will need precious little government at all.

But when people are lazy and stingy and selfish and unproductive, Then. We end up. With a society that uses government to steal from others, Like we have now. And often. The result is that everyone perishes Because government can only redistribute so much and government doesn't produce. So, as government increases that actually consumes resources, And so whether it's violence against one another or laziness in which we disregard Others and ourselves because of the transgression of a land.

Many or its princes, but By a man of understanding and knowledge, right Justice. Will be prolonged. And so if we live with understanding, if we live with knowledge and here, of course it means especially the knowledge of God. Not just book knowledge so that you are able to manipulate the creation.

But true, and wise knowledge. Of he who is from all eternity. So that rather than merely knowing how to manipulate the creation, you know, how to live under independence upon in service to and unto the glory of the Creator. And that is the understanding and the knowledge that produces Justice in the land.

Multiplication of princes doesn't produce Justice. Princes themselves are often sinful and if a people are full of transgression, What do you think the princes are going to be full of you think you're going to find? You know this this great multitude of Godly authorities to uh you're gonna draw those out of a innumerable, horde of of wicked people.

It is the knowledge of God, the understanding and knowledge. Of God in the heart and mind. Of each man. That prolongs that establishes. Perpetuates Justice. Now, that is the specific case in verse 2. Uh, but in our house. It's also true, isn't it? The more diligent you are, the more you take ownership, Of your own life and work hard and serve others.

The Kinder everyone is the more thoughtful of of one. Another the more proactive we are to do what is God honoring and blessing and healthy for everyone. The less you'll need to be instructed. You could easily think of much more than dad or mom require of you. Uh, we do not require that much.

We do not exercise. A great amount of controlling authority over you. One of the things that we desire, Is that you would live with this understanding and with this knowledge. Understanding not just of. How everything in the world works. An understanding of the Lord and knowledge of the Lord.

So that we would never even have to govern. By authoritative command. Just a suggestion, just an observation. Uh, would be all that was ever needed from us and not even many of those If you yourselves are observing things and doing that, which is wise and good, and So, Uh, just like the principal applies nationally.

It also applies Uh, it applies to our Our household as well. And the more that you are this person of understanding and knowledge, The. You will need to be controlled by everyone. It doesn't mean That you won't run into authoritarian people. Although God helping you will keep you from.

Um ending up marrying uh tyrannical man or even worse a tyrannical woman for For the men. But you never know. I don't know, even Sometimes.

Uh, we run into in churches, although We pray that you will. Uh, the members of faithful churches and which Elders are Selected, according to the qualifications in scripture.

Uh, but certainly in the Civil Society, Unless God, grants a great outpouring of his spirit and Revival and Reformation in the churches and gathering in of the masses, that he is saving. The, uh, because of the transgression of the land, many are its princes. Uh, principle will continue. And they certainly won't be princely.

Um, there will be multiplied and their Authority will be Uh, increasingly oppressive. So be prepared for that and when you see it, Don't just complain about the size of government or the tyranny of government. Remember what the Bible says? And pray that the land would be turned from its transgression.

And that God would Um, God would give us first freedom from sin. Uh, which is the greater tyranny and then Also. From tyrants and seats of Civil Authority, as well. Let's pray. Our gracious. God and our heavenly father, how we thank you and praise you. For how perfectly the Lord Jesus was pleased.

To do all your holy will. And that his obedience has counted for us, has been counted for us and Uh, you have even not only joined us to him by faith but indwelt us by your spirit who is his And then, as he has poured out, his Spirit on us.

So his Spirit makes us to be like he is And so we pray for the ongoing work of your spirit to Bear, all of his wonderful fruit in. Um, great aspect of which is that concluding. Um, characteristic of its fruit of his fruit, which is self-control, give us self-control Lord.

So that we would not need. To be controlled by others and Deliver our land from its sin. We pray. Pour out your spirit and bring Revival. And then, Deliver Us also from the tyranny of other men. From the multiplication of the princess. Before we ask it all in Jesus name, amen.