

2022.06.09 Family Worship lesson in “the Proverb of the day”

Proverbs 9:7–12

“True Wisdom Is Only for Believers and Always Works”

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- 7 “He who corrects a scoffer gets shame for himself,
And he who rebukes a wicked man only harms himself.
- 8 Do not correct a scoffer, lest he hate you;
Rebuke a wise man, and he will love you.
- 9 Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser;
Teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.
- 10 “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.
- 11 For by me your days will be multiplied,
And years of life will be added to you.
- 12 If you are wise, you are wise for yourself,
And if you scoff, you will bear it alone.”

Pastor leads his family in a selection from “the Proverb of the day.” In these six verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that the only believers can have true wisdom, and it always benefits them; but, unbelievers can only heap judgment upon themselves.

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Proverbs 9 verses 7 through 12. These are God's words. He who corrects a scoffer gets shamed for himself. And he who rebukes a wicked, man. Only harms himself, Do not correct. A scoffer. Let's teach you, your buccal wise man and he will love you given instruction to a wise man and he will be still wiser.

Teach adjust, man. He will increase in learning the fear of Yahweh as the beginning of wisdom, and then knowledge of the Holy One is understanding for by me. Your days will be multiplied and years of life will be added to you. If you are wise, you are wise for yourself.

And if you scoff, you will bear it alone.

So far the reading of gods inspired and there it.

The fear of the Lord, the fear of Yahweh is the beginning of wisdom. And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding which means there's only one sort of person who can actually grow in the application of wisdom Application of knowledge in their life. And that's a Christian. If you don't believe in the Lord, Jesus Christ, if you don't know God, and if you don't know Jesus, you don't know.

God because he is the one in whom we are given to know. God, if you don't believe in the Lord, Jesus Christ, if you don't know God and you can't really be wise and instructing unbelievers, not to say that we shouldn't warn them of their sin, and instruct them in the gospel.

But if we think that we can help them grow grow, and what grow in grace to they have grace growing holiness, or sanctification, are they saints? Can they be sanctified?

So we should not think that we are going to be able to help them be wise in any other way until they've come to faith and Jesus Christ. So long as they continue to push down on the truth about God and unrighteousness. So long as they continue to be a scoffer or a wicked, man.

They cannot we helped to be holy because the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding so you can only expect to eventually bring shame and harm upon yourself. Scoffer will end up hating you for the good instruction that you give very if you give them instruction apart from the gospel.

Of course it's not actually good. You can help them, develop skills of various kinds, but it's not wisdom. It's not holiness if they're not in Christ. And so, the first thing that must be done for them is evangelism. Now a wise man, someone who trusts in the Lord, he loves you for a properly given review because it helps him to love the Lord, who loved him first.

So, the wise man, not only loves you for it, but he's growing in grace. And one of the things God has given people by which to grow is the good counsel and correction rebuke encouragement, comfort of other Christians that we speak the truth to one another and love every joint supplying something every member doing its part on the whole growing up into the head.

Who is Jesus Christ? So, I wonder based on how we respond to be incorrected, would we be more likely to be the the scoffer or the wicked? Or would we be more likely to be the wise man? Who fears the Lord knows him. It is perhaps sobering to consider how our hearts bristle and resist and whether we have grace in our hearts, from God to overcome, that reflex of the remaining flesh, the remaining scent.

And to say no, a rebuke as a kindness. I should love the person who gave me a rebuke in season, a good correction, because ultimately wisdom and knowledge and understanding and holiness. They're not mechanical they're personal, they're not educational their personal. You don't acquire them simply by accumulating information and implementing it.

You acquire them from a person who uses the information to grow you to make a difference in you. And so he says, for by me, your days will be multiplied and years of life will be added to you. He says, if you are wise, you are wise for yourself and if you scoff, you'll bear it alone.

And what he's saying is the primary interaction, you need to be thinking about is with him. If you are wise, the first part of your wisdom, of course, is fearing the Lord. Looking to him. Trusting in him that by him, your days will be multiplied and years of life will be added to you.

If you're inclination, every time you learn something from the Bible is to go and tell all the people who you think are so wrong that they need to hear about it. You're missing the point and you may find that no one ever listens to you and it might not be because they aren't converted either.

The first person to be wiseful really is yourself. And not so much yourself, but for the Lord between you and the Lord, and if you scoff know that you will account for that directly to the Lord, too life is for keeps, It's serious. It's an interaction with God. It's not just for going through motions and trying to feel like, you know, we were kind of the good guys have others think?

Well of us. Now, we should fear the Lord and look to him for our wisdom and for our life. And then let's pray. Our Father in heaven. We thank you that you have given yourself personally to be our life. First of all by Christ and his death and resurrection and then second of all by Christ, as applied to us, through faith by your spirit.

So that we are crucified with him and it no longer we who live, but he who lives in us and that the life that we not live, we live by faith in him who loved us and gave himself for us. Help us. Lord, to remember that. This is the way that wisdom operates, help us to look to you to give the life of Jesus, to be that, by which we are even able to live, well, and grow and give us wisdom as we discern.

I'm speaking to others and we might see to it that we primarily evangelize the lost and look to help our brothers and sisters to grow in grace with the corrections that they need Lord. We pray that you would make us such brothers and sisters. Who can be corrected? Don't let us respond like the unbeliever, like the wicked or the scoffer and if we happen to be unbelievers, oh God, have mercy.

And don't let us continue and self-deception. How we thank you that you set Christ before us continually to turn from our sin to rest in him. Help us to repent and to believe all the days of our life. We ask in his name. Amen.