

2023.06.15 Family Worship lesson in “the Proverb of the day”

Proverbs 15:1–2

“Wisdom to T.H.I.N.K. Before You Speak”

- 1 A soft answer turns away wrath,
But a harsh word stirs up anger.
- 2 The tongue of the wise uses knowledge rightly,
But the mouth of fools pours forth foolishness.

Pastor teaches his family a selection from “the Proverb of the day.” In these two verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that wisdom includes not just knowledge, but also skill in the right and helpful use of that knowledge.

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Proverbs 15 verses one through two. These are god's words. A soft answer turns away wrath. But a harsh word. Stirs up, anger. The tongue of the wise uses, knowledge rightly But the mouth of fools. Course. Foolishness.

So far the reading of god's inspired and inherent word.

The wise man doesn't know, doesn't only know accurate things. He knows the right time to say the right things and the right way. To say the right things. Often the first person to be flipping out in a conversation. Raising their voice using harsh tone. Begin becoming aggressive and posture or Uh, vocabulary or Um, Manner.

Often that person's in the wrong. But the person who is in the right as far as the facts are concerned. Can say it harshly. Which just pours gasoline on the fire and stirs, the anger up. Even if the answer is correct. If it has said harshly, adjust Provocacy anger.

What's the point? Of speaking a correct, an accurate word in a harsh manner. If it's Almost guaranteed. Not to do any good in the situation. It's not going to be received, it's not to be considered. And without to reception and consideration, it's not modified behavior. It's part of that think, before you speak acronym, right?

Not just as it true But does it helpful? It is an important. Is it necessary? And is it going? It can be true important and necessary. And fail on the count of whether it's helpful to say at that moment or kind to say in that manner. And so the moment in which we choose to say something in the manner in which we choose to say something, There's a significant impact.

Upon the difference that what we say, makes, however, A softens or same thing said in this, even in the same moment. But in a different manner. And that doesn't just mean tone of voice, softly. It means How you present it? Sometimes. Asking a question. Sometimes. Uh, leading it with.

Don't you think it would be more helpful? Or even making a statement, but I really want you. To.

Be blessed, or be delivered, or i don't want you to suffer or I'm afraid for you that. Um, you're stuck in a sin, You know, the the attitude of matthew 18, which is Not. If your brother sins, here's your chance to jump on his case and tell him that he sinned against you and listened against god.

Because we can quote unquote, do matthew 18. As if that's what matthew 18 said. But speaking away, that makes it clear that you're trying to recover from his sin. If your brother's in tells him your fault, tell him his fault. And if you repent, you've recovered your brother. Well, if the goal is recovering, There's a way of speaking that communicates, that that's the goal.

That you are for them and with them. Not against them, not a combatant.

If words. Can be used. Uh, like weapons. Or. Like tools of assistance. There's a way of saying something that's accurate. That is like pulling a gun. And if you pull a gun, the other person should shoot if they In the analogy. But if you stick your words out there like a hand, to help them, Then that's the soft answer here.

So it's not just Softness and harshness, and Wow. Tone. It's also in the wisdom. Of how you say it. And you see that. Then in the In the parallel, in verse 2. The tongue of the wise used as knowledge rightly. It doesn't just have knowledge. He has knowledge about how to use knowledge.

The mouth of a fool. Has two problems. One, what's in it and to how much of it is coming out The mouth of the fool has foolishness and to begin with, be better for him. If someone sowed it shot But he doesn't just say random foolish things every once in a while.

He just gushes foolishness. Like someone knocked a fire hydrant off and the outcomes. The foolishness. From mr. Fool So, We need both things. We need both right knowledge, accurate knowledge. What we also need wisdom and knowledge about how to use. The knowledge that we have. I think, in god's providence to us, this is An area that Our household as a whole grow much in On the lord's, blessing it to us.

And helping us, we'll come back. And be in proverbs 15 verses one and two again. Before too many. 15th of the months. Have passed. And there are other in this particular chapter, Several other. Passages where we're going to hear something similar. Verse 4. Verse.

Verse. 14.

Was at least one more. Verse 28. So,

May the Lord help us to use. Our words, well, To do each other good. And not. Or forth foolishness. Or stir up anger. Let's pray.

Father, we pray that you would help us by your spirit.

That we would. Both. Have skill in. Understanding situation, and The proves that apply to those situations. But also, I have skill and wisdom and when And in what manner and in with what words, To say something. Who pray that you would help us to be those who give one another.

Life and joy and help. By the words that we speak. We thank you that you O Lord. Are the perfect example. Of words that do this and we pray that your spirit would give us life and joy and up. By your words which he writes on our hearts. We ask in Jesus name