

2023.06.20 Family Worship lesson in "the Proverb of the day"

Proverbs 20:1

"Watch Against Abusing Alcohol, Lest Alcohol Abuse You"

¹ Wine is a mocker, Strong drink is a brawler,
And whoever is led astray by it is not wise.

Pastor teaches his family a selection from "the Proverb of the day." In this verse of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that even God's good gifts can be misused in a way that makes a fool of us and abuses us, which defaces God's image in us.

(The following is a machine-generated transcription. Please be aware of—and patient with—transcribing errors. If there is something confusing or obviously erroneous, you are invited to listen to the audio recording via hopewellarp.org)

Proverbs 20 verse 1. These are God's words. Wine is a mocker. Strong drink is a brawler. And whoever is led us pray by it. It's not wise. So far, the reading of god's. Inspired and inherent word.

Wine and strong drink. Have their good uses. Wine sub 104 makes the heart. Glad In fact, it has so many good uses. Because god has designed it. To be that which communicates to us, The assurance and gladness of being bound to god in christ. Which is what? We drink and the cup of the new covenant and his blood.

Then strong drink also. Was something that if you lived too far from where Um, The tabernacle was, Later the temple. Uh, you were permitted to buy, whatever it was that you wished to enjoy before god. And and he specified strong drink as one of those things. Elsewhere in scripture teaches us.

That strong drink helps the man who is In despair. And yet. They are so powerful. That. Messing with them, and it's like, Uh, verbally messing with someone Who is a mocker? That is the kind of guy who. Always gets the best of people. In. Verbal combat. Or a brawler.

Which is the sort of guy who. Is always not just getting into fights but always winning them. And so, You should be wise and careful. Not to let wine or strong drink need you astray. There's a great difference. Between making good use of a good thing. Where you are in control of how it is used.

And And seeing to it that. It is accomplishing its purpose before the lord. He The good purpose that he gave it to you for. And then being abused by a thing. We we often call it abusing wine or abusing alcohol Proverbs 20 verse 1. Actually, put the other way, doesn't it?

It's a use of wine or strong drink in which your carelessness make ends up with you losing control and it abuses you In fact, you might end up Making an utter fool of yourself without the help of the mocker. You just had a glass of wine. You became too talkative.

You became foolish and made it display of yourself. And everybody laughs at you, the mocker guy didn't even have to be there. To make fun of you and put everyone else up to it. Or strong drink. You can abuse strong drink to the point where you don't have your wits or your balance about you And a little bit like duncan swamping himself with his, with his shepherd stick.

The the man who has too much strong drink may run into something. Smashed his head. Or fall over. He doesn't even need a brawler to beat him up. Because he Was careless in the use, he let the strong drink lead him astray instead of making great and proper use of it.

He didn't need a brawler to beat him up. He handled the getting beat up all by himself. Want a dreadful thing. To make fools out of ourselves. Or abuse our bodies. By use of god, god's good gift. Should a person who has made in the image of god. Make a mockery of that image.

By the misuse of wine. So, the person who's made in the image of god, Abuse. The body. That was made. And God's image. When i misuse of strong drink. So, do not let yourself be led astray. Was good to learn to enjoy the good things that God makes. There is a doctrine of demons.

To say that. To make up rules, like you may not have them at all. About good food or good drink or other good creatures of god. And yet. You will not be wise. If you're not careful with them, if you're not aware, Of the risks, the dangers. Of being led astray.

Those of the lord help us. To make good use of his good gifts. And most of all, The good gift of being made in his image. That we not bring shame or abuse. On ourselves or others. By the misuse of other good gifts of this. Let's ask him to give us.

Well, that wisdom. That is in christ to, of course, never got drunk. Never made a fool of himself. Never brought harm on himself or others. We brought harm on him. There are some. But he has been perfectly wise. And we want the holy spirit to make our hearts and minds.

Like unto this. Let's pray. We do ask father, that you would Make us to be your beloved children blameless, and pure And the midst of a twisted and perverse generation. That you'd conform us to your son. The lord jesus. Who is unto us? The wisdom of god. Not only And that he is the only way for us to be saved.

But also in that. When we are sanctified, when your salvation is complete for us. We will be liking and we will see him as he goes. So give us wisdom, we pray in the use of all of your good gifts. And especially in the ones. That are most harmful when abused and most easy to abuse.

You pray for the children that you had, never let any of them become a drunkard. Or glutton. Or any other sort of misuser. Of your good gifts. Help us o. Lord by your holy spirit. Who loves to produce in us. A child like resemblance to you. And christ likeness.

We ask that he would do his loving. Powerful. And faithful. Merciful work in us. We ask it in jesus name.