

2023.07.04 Family Worship lesson in “the Proverb of the day”

Proverbs 4:1–4

“Instructed Babies that Grow Up to Be Parents Who Instruct Babies”

- 1 Hear, my children, the instruction of a father,  
And give attention to know understanding;
- 2 For I give you good doctrine:  
Do not forsake my law.
- 3 When I was my father’s son,  
Tender and the only one in the sight of my mother,
- 4 He also taught me, and said to me:  
“Let your heart retain my words;

Pastor teaches his family a selection from “the Proverb of the day.” In these four verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us to incline ears, mind, and life toward good doctrine from our parents, so that we may be equipped to be the ones giving the good doctrine to future generations.

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Proverbs 4 versus 1 through 4. These are God's words. Here, my children, the instruction of a father And give attention to no understanding. For i give you good doctrine, do not forsake my law. When i was my father's son. Tender and the only one in the side of my mother.

He also taught me and said to me, Not your hearts retain my words. Keep my commands. And live. So far the reading of gods inspired and inherent word.

The lord. Gives us life in part. By means of good doctrine. Good teaching with theology. It says before i give you good doctrine. At the and beginning of verse 2. And then he says, And live. At the end of verse 4. This is why. Parents should give their children.

Good doctrine. But before a parent can give his child good doctrine, God ordinary way. For the parent to have good doctrines to learn it from his parents. And so he's both saying, He's both letting his son know, there's children rather verse one. Is both letting his children know where his own.

Uh, good theology sound, teaching came from And, He's encouraging them that if they. Uh, heed these commands, these instructions that he's giving them about listening to him. That the lord will bless it to them and give them good doctrine too so that when they are a father, they can give the instruction of a father.

They can give. Good doctrine. So what must children do and what ought a father who is giving his children, good teaching, tell his children to do. About his instruction to them. Well, one thing there to do is to hear To listen. Not just to have the words in their ears, but to consider the words with their minds, Here.

In the second place, give attention. Sophia. Give attention. One of the easiest ways of giving attention. Is by pointing your eyes and your nose at the person who is talking God has designed your head so that your ears which have a good shape for their purpose. Are pointed in the same direction as your eyes.

And so you turn your head and you look And you give attention. But it's easy also. Um, Just to Uh, turn. And And sort of. Just be there while the teaching happens and wait for it and And so just as you give attention, you incline, your body, turn your body.

Towards the person, who is speaking. You also need to incline, or turn your mind, and your heart. Uh, to let this being said, Here, give attention. And then do not for say. So, there's two ways of saying that's one is Don't let the teaching leave you and the other is, and this is more.

Literally what verse two is saying do not leave the teaching Do not forsake, my law. My fatherly instruction my tarah. And so, we are not just listening and hearing and giving attention. For the purpose of processing information. But for the purpose of following for the purpose of sticking to it as a way of life.

Um, it's this is training. For life, it's not just the accumulation. Of information. And this also is something that you should be doing from babyhood. When i was my father's, son, tender. And the only one in the sight of my mother. That is ordinarily, not a very long season.

And so, he's really, he's Uh, he's drawing attention to even the earliest part. Of babyhood. And the picture is of, Uh, mom getting a nap or Doing whatever it is. That she's doing in between nursing. In those early days, when Um, She's, Totally exhausted. Um, From the round o'clock attention of having a baby, who is the only one in this?

I Of his mother. And dad with his tiny little baby, telling the baby. Let your heart retain my words. Keep my commands and live. So that this is something that you should be trying to do. From your very youngest. And you should teach your children when you have them.

You teach them from the womb. Start addressing that during family worship before they're even born. And of course, Uh, as soon as they're born. Talk to them, instruct them, teach them. For two reasons, one, you don't know how quickly? Uh, they come to understand and how much they

understand and second.

That doesn't depend entirely upon their ability to understand, does it? Depends primarily on the lord. Giving them the knowledge. Uh, giving them the faith. To believe and to obey, In the heart. It's a lot of follow god's pattern. For instruction and pray that by this. He would. Uh, make one generation of babies.

Uh, Nursing babies were already being taught. Uh, into eventually. The instructing parents. Who are teaching a new generation. Of nursing babies. It's pretty.

Our father in heaven, we pray that you would Help us to follow your pattern. Your instruction. We thank you that you are the perfect father. That you were always instructing us. Even though we are perpetually as babies before you. We pray that you would help us. To give attention incline, our hearts.

Not depart from. What you teach us? Pray that you would help me, mom. Teach the children. From your word, according to your word. Especially with the Your triune glory. The glory of christ. Is god, man. As a lunch pin, that holds it all together. Pray that you would give the children.

To be mindful of it as those. Who are receiving training instruction? That will save their life. And we do pray that you would save us all by your grace through faith in jesus christ. And his name will you ask him?