

- 2 Treasures of wickedness profit nothing,
But righteousness delivers from death.
- 3 The LORD will not allow the righteous soul to famish,
But He casts away the desire of the wicked.
- 4 He who has a slack hand becomes poor,
But the hand of the diligent makes rich.
- 5 He who gathers in summer is a wise son;
He who sleeps in harvest is a son who causes shame.

Pastor teaches his family a selection from "the Proverb of the day." In these four verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that Christ is true wealth, and that we should be content to have Him and diligent to increase in Him.

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Proverbs chapter 10 verses 2 through 5. These are God's words. Treasures of wickedness profit, nothing. But righteousness, delivers from Death. He offer will not allow the righteous Soul to famish. But he casts away. The desire of the wicked. He who has a slight hand becomes poor. But the hand of the diligent makes, He who gathers in summer as a wise.

He who sleeps in Harvest. There's a son, who causes shame. So far the reading of gods inspired and and Aaron tort In which the Lord gives us some Advance investment advice. one of the reasons why. we don't Buy new cars. That's foolish to invest in a depreciating asset.

It's foolish to sink money into something that is immediately going to become. Much less valuable. Well similarly it is foolish. To invest in or treasure. That will, which has a value that is certain to go to zero. The treasures of this world are depreciating assets. One day you will, And the value of those Treasures will go to zero for you.

Now, the things of this world are Given by God and to be enjoyed as from him. Which if you enjoy it, as from him, means according to his word, Not indulging in the thing in itself, but Enjoying God and his goodness and the good things that he gives you.

And in addition to that of course they are, often useful instruments. For showing the love of God and the generosity of God for taking care of others. For loving your brothers and sisters and especially your brothers and sisters in your own house and in your house down through generations, as you prepare for them, And same with your neighbors.

Loving your neighbors and especially your neighbors, your nearest neighbors. In your own household. And so it's not like the things of this world are worth less. But they do ultimately profit. Nothing. And so there's either the treasure that you have that is from God and for God, Treasure of righteousness.

Where you fear the lord and you belong to him and you love him and you know, his goodness and you use it. According to his word for the purposes that he has taught us in his word. Or there are the treasures of wickedness. Not the least of which is is treasuring material things in and of themselves.

And there is verse 2 says profits, nothing but righteousness. Righteousness delivers from death. True righteousness, delivers from Death. And that of course, is ultimately. The righteousness of Jesus Christ. Counted for you. Through faith in him credited to you. Through faith in him. Which is also the only way. That we can actually think or speak or live in any righteous way whatsoever.

Is out of a union with Christ, and so before you ever come to begin, Doing righteously. You must already be made counted. Righteous with God, through Jesus, in Jesus, by faith, in a way, that could never be improved by what we do. But, The believer as he does things in Union with Christ to those Prophet nothing.

Even if it is wiped away as far as the Earth is considered, it has been done in Christ. It redounds to his glory. Jesus is glorified in his. God has glorified in his son. And so not only do we have a righteousness that delivers from death, we have a righteous that is Eminently valuable.

Verse 3 says y'all, I will not allow the righteous Soul to famish. But he casts away. The desire of the wicked. One of the reasons for this is, Not the righteous. Soul has the treasure that Asaf discovers in Psalm 73. Whom have I in heaven but you and there is nothing.

I desire on Earth apart from you. And so, if our soul is Righteous. And delights itself in the Lord and contents itself from the Lord. Then we will never starve, even if our body. Stars. Even if we are, imprisoned, Even if we are exiled, even if we are executed But there is Additional reminder for the righteous that Our good father is always giving us the food that we need, the drink that we need.

And yes, even as the Lord Jesus teaches us at the end of Matthew 6, the trouble that we need. And so we are contented. Not only with God. But with the lot that he has applied to us, And so we have a double contentment that nothing can take from us.

Everything we have The air that we continue to breathe the continued operation of our mind. Even if our tummy rumbles in our situation is difficult, yet may we know That our situation is just as our God knows is best for us and even bestows honor upon us. You remember, of course, the apostles, Are being conformed by the spirit of the mind of Christ and when they were beaten, they go away rejoicing that they were counted worthy.

To suffer for the name. Now verse 4 and 5 continue in the same vein but they teach us something about diligence that we should apply both to the wealth of this life and then especially in the context of verses two and three to the spiritual wealth. We've just been hearing about Who has a slack hand becomes poor?

But the hand of the diligent makes rich. How many have been lazy and wasted so much time? And they did not make diligent effort to learn. They did not make diligent effort to acquire a job. They did not make diligent effort in their job and they Become poor. They had a slack hand and they look around and there are other people who were diligent and have become wealthy.

Not that. That is the only way that people become wealthy, but they they Envy the wealthy as if As. Unequal outcome. Is some wickedness in Providence or in administration of Of Justice in the land, but God has generally made it a rule. That he who has a slack hand becomes poor in the hand of the diligent makes Rich and this is actually never been truer in the history of the world than it has been in our country.

For the last couple hundred years. But remember the context of Verses 2 and 3? That the primary riches in view here although this is true in God's world and he's using it as a A proverb of wisdom for us here. And yes, it applies to material things. It also applies to spiritual things.

How many? Have been slack lazy inconsistent to attend the public worship to be there? Whenever there is breaching to call upon God's name in prayer in secret with their household. And with the congregation Who snooze through the prayer and the public worship on the Lord's day and don't even bother to attend the prayer in the midweek meeting.

Who stand around at the table at the supper. And profane the body and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ by not meditating upon him. And our being nourished upon him how many have had a slack hand and spiritual things and they find themselves poor And they become jealous of those who are rich.

When God has generally ordained. That his means that he has appointed would be honored. He has appointed and ordained. Those means he honors his means. And it is true, not in a mechanical way. Not because you're getting what you earn by your spiritual work and certainly not in a magical way.

That if you just do the same thing, a certain number of times and click your heels, you'll get spiritual health and growth. But in a personal way, Because his means are means by which we engage him and he engages us and of course then he is ordained. The diligence of these things, make rich.

And if they make Rich with the Earthly riches, how much more If diligence and Earthly things makes rich with Earthly riches, how much more does diligence and spiritual things? Make wretch with spiritual. Richest. And so even if it's still summertime, it's not quite Harvest Time yet. But you notice that there are crops ready for Harvest like the sun in the first half of verse five, he who gathers in summer is a wise son.

You don't say, well, it's not the Lord's day and it's not officially a cold service so I don't have to go. I'll go Harvest when it's time to harvest. You don't say, well, it's it may be the Lord's day, but it's not officially a called service. So, I'll go home and have family time or me time.

Sounds even worse. Down time. Profaning the day by idlenesses. Or catechism wisely says, When the means of Grace are being offered and there you may Harvest spiritual things. It's right there, right? For the taking, you could put in the sickle and buying the sheaves and start to pile up like a wise son.

Because you may be sure that he who is not interested, And Gathering when he sees the opportunity. When the Harvest time comes. He sleeps through that, too. He is not so inclined to gather. Even when it is the appointed time, And such a son, verse 5 says as a son who causes shame.

Not just a son, who embarrasses? His daddy. No, when it says causes shame, it means makes the efforts of his daddy's lifetime of Labor. To come to failure. Because in their society, You're always and still today. Maybe more. So today, how easily it is to squander things, and in our economic system and our culture.

wealth is easily dissipated every generation. Must maintain it. But oh, how sad? If that's true about Earthly wealth. How sad. Would that? For that to be the case. With spiritual wealth. For generations to have been diligent. And harvested in and out of season. And stored up a spiritual Heritage.

A spiritual inheritance for their children. And the child to not be the sort. That gathers in summer, but rather To be the sword who sleeps in Harvest. And the efforts of the former Generations. Or put to shame. So may the Lord. Give us not. Just diligence. In material things though, certainly that But may he give us to treasure the true treasure.

And to be diligent in the means by which he has given us to gather, it's trusting him. To give us contentment in himself. Contentment in what we have in this world. Contentment in what he is willing to do, as he grows us sanctifies us. Amen, let's pray.

Our gracious. God and our heavenly father. Thank you. For the wisdom of your spirit and the spirit of your son. Who is himself, wisdom? By which Solomon? Roll these words. So that we might have your word inscribed here. To give us wisdom. To give us to be content with you.

And with what you give us. And to be diligent, not just, Labor for the provision of Earthly things. But even Lord, for Spiritual things. Thank you for the inheritance that you have given each of us. And we pray that you would give us such an earnestness such a diligence with it.

That we might leave even more for our children. Than that, which We received. So glorify yourself, we pray by applying This portion of your word to us, we ask through Christ. The chief treasurer the Indescribable gift. Amen.