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His mouth must not transgress in judgment.
- 11 Honest weights and scales are the Lord's;
All the weights in the bag are His work.
- 12 It is an abomination for kings to commit wickedness,
For a throne is established by righteousness.
- 13 Righteous lips are the delight of kings,
And they love him who speaks what is right.
- 14 As messengers of death is the king's wrath,
But a wise man will appease it.
- 15 In the light of the king's face is life,
And his favor is like a cloud of the latter rain.

Pastor leads his family in six verses from “the Proverb of the day.” In this Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that because all authority is Christ's, those who have it must rule in submission to Him, and those who are under it must be ruled in submission to Christ; and, because all property is God's, and the means of gaining it appointed by Him, we must honor Him with all our property and economic dealings.

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Proverbs 16 verses 10 through 15. These are God's words. Divination is on the lips of the king. His mouth must not transgress and judgment, honest weights and skills or your face all the way it's in the bag or his work. It is an abomination for kings to commit wickedness for owners established by righteousness.

Righteous lips are the delight of kings and they love him. Who speaks. What is right? As a messengers of death is the king's wrath, but a wise man will appease it in the light of the king's face is life and his favor is like a cloud of the latter rain.

As far as the reading of God's word. So these six verses old deal with how in governing authority, the person who is in the authority is serving in. As a representative of God, that God is the one who puts people in authority. And this means something's for the person who is an authority.

It means yes to serve the Lord of the authority. That means for us when we are under authority, we're all under authority that we must honor and

Take the authority seriously because God is the one who puts the authority in place as we read this. And we think about what people who are in authority ought to be like we realize we really need Jesus as the king of kings and we rejoice that he is already in the throne of glory.

He's made it a throne of grace to us and that in the new heavens and the new art he sits on the throne of earth as well. And and so, we rejoice in Jesus's already, and one day to be completely fulfilled kingdom. And when we think about ourselves and how we ought to act towards authority and often don't get toward authority in the way that we aren't, we realize that we need Christ by his spirit to give us humility to submit.

That one of the amazing things that the Bible tells us about his becoming a man in order to die for us on the cross is that he had to learn obedience that in his humanity. He submitted. And that's an amazing thing. But it also means that as the Holy Spirit applies to us, the character of Christ, that, that is where our ability to humbly, and humbly submit and trust comes from, as well.

So, those are kind of the, the big ideas that are behind all of these verses as we go through them, one by one divination is on the lips of the king divination was forbidden by the by the law because it was a way to force words from God. And so whether by superstitious charms or whatever and this is not saying that the king has this wicked practice.

What he's saying is that the the king speaks in the place of God because God is the one from whom the authority comes, we have a duty to listen to the king but in this case, it's facing the higher duty, of course, on the king himself divination is on the lips of the king has mouth moss.

Not transgression judgment. So you see how it places? A great responsibility on the king. If you speaking in an office to those and trusted under his authority and into his care that represents God then he better be careful that he speak. What is right? But there are other people who speak in an office sort of like that, right?

Moms and dads for one. Okay, a husband for another husband is to love. His wife is Christ. Loved the church and gave himself up for her that he might think to buy her by the washing of water with the word. This is very important for you, boys, to become skilled and speaking, according to the Bible, so that when you speak to your wife, you can speak according to the word and participate in that glorious work of Christ and fathers are not to provoke their children to laugh but to bring them up and what the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Okay? So one of the reasons you listen to and honor me and listen to an honor your mothers, the word says honor your mother and children obey your parents is because God is the one who has put me into, but mommy, over you guys. But that puts a big responsibility on me and mommy, too, doesn't it?

We're not allowed to just give you whatever discipline and instruction. We want we have to give you the discipline and instruction of the Lord and so if you want to be a mommy, one day you want to learn what the Bible says, and how to speak according to the Bible so that you can be a good mommy.

Divination is on the lips of the king. His mouth must not transgress in judgment. Of course there's an application to politics here, isn't there, presidents and governors and sheriffs and people who are legislators. People who sit and judges seats, many places in the Bible, talk about all this. People are supposed to be servants of Christ into our supposed to judge with righteous judgment verse 11, honest weights and scales.

Are y'all ways all the ways in the bag or his work? The eighth commandment is, thou shalt, not steal. And when we realize that God is the one who assigns to each one in his province, the property that they have. And the means the proper means by which, to gain or or spend that property, we realize that all economics belongs to God.

So it says honest weights and scales. Are you always all the weights and the bag are his work. So just like someone who sits in a seat of authority is responsible to God for what he says you are all we are all responsible to God for what we do with our stuff.

That's one of the reasons why you don't even have the right to spend your money badly or miss. You are abused or not, take good care of the things that you have because they're interested to you by God, much less, you have the right when you do buy and sell to cheap someone else and you're buying and selling honesty.

In all business dealing economic dealing is, is some, is something that is required because what we have belongs to the Lord, what they have belongs to the Lord, and the right way of increasing well, and, and exchanging wealth that also belongs to the Lord. It's very important how we handle money.

How we handle property. It was an abomination for kings to commit wickedness for a throne is established. By righteousness, we must remember, whether you're in a place of authority or whatever it is that you're doing that when you feel like you need to defend your interests, the first thing you have to do is be righteous because it's the Lord who in his province determines how things are going to turn out.

And so if you think that your job is to make things turn out a certain way. You're already one foot in the one step in the path to wickedness because now you're taking for yourself, something that belongs to God, you could do very wickedly and he might still make it come back on your head.

You could do righteously and the wicked, be plot against you and he may still give you favor. And however he decides for the situation to turn out is right and good. So the most important thing is to be righteous. That's what he's saying to the king. He saying a throne is established by righteousness.

Don't do wickedness because you think you can as a king or because you think that's how to get your way as a king. No, your throne is established by God. He's the one who who's upon his blessing, ever, a good outcome rests. And so, if everything rests upon the Lord, then the question isn't, what can get me?

And what I want, the question is, what does the Lord want from me? It is an abomination for kings to commit wickedness, for a throne is established by righteousness. Righteous lips are the delight of games. They love him who speaks. What is right? So, even if you're in a place of authority, you should receive good counsel.

God has made us so that we would have fellowship. This is something that actually imitates. God himself, God is triune father, son and Holy Spirit. He has fellowship within himself. Now, God only has one mind. One will the father and the son of a spirit together. So we are not like God in that.

We all have different minds and wills to one another, but he has designed our world and our relationships with one another so that he gives us wisdom by means of each other. This is a fellowship that we have with him. Ultimately, of course he's the one in whom is perfect wisdom that he gives to us by means of his work and to spirit using his word and his spirit enabling us to understand his world.

But we don't just have this fellowship with him. We have this fellowship with one another. He's designed us to need so that we ought to seek good counsel and what kind of council is good? A hefels people who are super clever, but wicked. No God. Forbid. Verse 13, righteous lips so that the lights of gigs and they love him who speaks.

What is right? The more authority, you are in the more important it is to get good counsel. That's not the way the world thinks the world thinks. The more authority, you are in the more, you could do whatever you want, you don't have to listen to anybody, but that's not what the Bible teaches us about how we should handle authority.

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Injures of wickedness. And so when we offend authority, we had better, be sure that we are doing it in the interest of pleasing Christ. Because you have lesser magistrates at the bottom greater magistrates at the top and the further off the chain of command. You go, the bigger the sword gets in Christ, holds the greatest sort to the everlasting.

Sort that welcomes that punishes into everlasting hell or welcomes into everlasting blessedness. So whenever a lesser magistrate bears, his bears the sword that Christ has put into his hands. He doesn't bear it in vain. If you are doing good. You don't have to be afraid. There's a bigger sword above those sword.

That is above you. But if you were doing evil and the lesser magistrate, even a king is a lesser magistrate under Christ. If you are doing evil then you must be very afraid because not only is that sort against you. The bigger sword is against you too. And so the smaller sword of the king or of the governor of the sheriff or whoever it is that that is avenging evil or punishing evil in the situation, is actually, in that case, just representing what the bigger sword is going to do to you.

Listen, to the way, the apostle puts this. In Romans 13 it says rulers are a terror not to good works but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same. Why? Because authority goes all the way up to God.

Not every authority, praises those who do go, but the top one always does and the bottom ones have responsibility to do. So verse four for, he is God's minister for your good but if you do evil be afraid for he doesn't not bear. The sword in vain for his gods minister and avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil.

Therefore, you must be subject. Not only because of wrath, but also for consciousness sake. And so from our proverb today as messengers of death, as the king's wrath, but a wise man will appease it. We ought to so far as we may do so, in pleasing Christ and not disobeying Christ.

We ought to do that, which honors the the magistrates that God has put above us. Including if you're to give us a king, can you get a issue for Ezekiel? Please. Is that what? You had? Your hands raised four times if you must go get it to. I mean, okay.

Let's just read the passage again, after all that instruction. Hopefully, you will be able to hear all of the truth that we have. We've been thinking about together in the verses divination is on the lips of the king is mouth must not transgression judgment. Honest weights and skills or y'all hates sorry, honest weights and scales.

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Father, I pray that you would help us to

Exercise, whatever authority you give us and different seasons and spheres of our life that you would help us to exercise at righteously. Honoring you depending upon you, pray that you would help us, to always submit ourselves to authority and respond to the authority. That is over us righteously. We ask

of God that you would help us to trust you for outcomes to realize when we are handling.

What is yours? What it comes to our money or our possessions or the responsibilities. That you give us. We thank you that you have given us Christ your son to be our righteousness, that he has done these things perfectly in that that's counted for us. Through faith in him.

We thank you that he has humbled himself under authority perfectly as well. And that that is counted for us. We praise you. Lord Jesus for the perfection of your ruling and even of your humbling yourself. We ask that you would help us by your spirit that you would not only grant that we would be forgiven by your blood made righteous by your obedience, that that by your spirits work in us, using your word.

Using all of the means of your grace that you would work out your character in us and make us to be more and more like yourself. We thank you and praise you. Lord Jesus. You are the wisdom of God for us and righteousness and sanctification be. All those things to us, we pray with regard to these verses that we have been considering from your holy word for we ask it in your name as your people say.

Amen