

2024.08.21 Family Worship lesson in “the Proverb of the day”

Proverbs 21:5–8 ▫ “Living in Light of God’s World and Word”

- 5 The plans of the diligent lead surely to plenty,
But those of everyone who is hasty, surely to poverty.
6 Getting treasures by a lying tongue
Is the fleeting fantasy of those who seek death.
7 The violence of the wicked will destroy them,
Because they refuse to do justice.
8 The way of a guilty man is perverse;
But as for the pure, his work is right.

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 God’s giving us His world and word obligates us to live wisely in light of both.

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Proverbs chapter 21 verses 5 through 8. These are God's words. The plans of the diligent lead. Surely to plenty. For those of everyone who is Hasty, surely to poverty. Getting Treasures by a lying tongue. Is the fleeting fantasy of those who seek death. The violence of the wicked will destroy them.

Because they refused to do justice. The way of a guilty man is perverse. But as for the pure, His work is right. So, for the reading of God's inspired, And then retort.

There's a temptation to do things. And the wrong way. Whether that means, Failing to take into account God's giving us a mind and Giving us to be able to learn and to know. how his world operates. And so being Hasty. Like the man in verse 5, or Simply violating God's law.

Like the lying man. In verse 6 or Violent man in verse 7. Or. It's not taking seriously enough. To do things uprightly. whether that's Cutting Corners. As far as Earthly, wisdom is concerned or in verse 8, cutting Corners. As far as morality goes. And so, in verse 5, The plans of the diligent lead to plenty.

The diligent here being those who careful and wise in their planning and work hard. And they're not lazy in their execution. the plans of the hasty person, Just comes up with an idea. It seems really good to me, doesn't learn. He doesn't ask questions about it.

He's Hasty. he makes plans too but his plans don't lead. To plenty, they lead to poverty. And so, there's an obligation because God has given us to be planning, thinking, creatures. There's an obligation because he has created his world in such a way that we can learn about it.

There's an obligation to learn, there's an obligation to play, and there's an obligation to be wise. There's an obligation to work hard study hard work hard. Then there are those who Rather than failing to. Pursue. Or obtain things. in a right response to the way God made his world.

There are those who Try to obtain things in a way that neglects What God Says, in his word. One of those that we're going to hear about in the midweek meeting tonight. Those who Do not place a great weight upon honoring their parents. That means, by which God took the kingdom from David's house.

And the Folly of rehoam and Failing to honor his father, and the elders who counseled his father. This one in verse 6, isn't the fifth commandment, it's the ninth commandment. Getting Treasures by a lying tongue. Is the fleeting fantasy. Of those who seek death. In other words, You cannot justify.

The means do not justify the end, does not justify the means. And so, Lying to try to come out ahead. Who is forgetting that you're breaking God's law when you do that? We must interact with the Lord, first and foremost in every situation. This is why there's no such thing as the righteous lie.

Because you cannot say, well I'm saving people from Death by provoking God to his face. I'm saving people from Death by using my mouth in a way that the scripture says God cannot In a way that the scripture says Satan is the father of And so we must rightly.

Take into account, God's world verse 5. in how we try to obtain things, and we might, we must even more. So, take into account his word, his law verse six, And how we try to obtain things. Righteousness. Righteous living living in a way that pleases God is greater gain.

Than anything that might have been obtained. By the breaking of God's law. Getting Treasures by a long tongue is the fleeting fantasy of Who seek death? And then verse 7, the violence of the wicked will destroy them. Because they refused to do justice. Same thing. literally the violence of the wicked will drag them away.

Because they refuse to do justice. We do not have power over others. When someone does something you don't like and you lash out at them physically. Yes, that's murder in the heart but one of the things you're trying to do is use your own power. To change the situation, make it come out the way you wanted it to.

But that's very, very foolish because God is the one who has all the power. And so, the violence of the wicked is destroying them just like we'll hear again in tonight's sermon at the midweek meeting about Self-Destruction of greed. Where that when you run to shed blood, it's your own blunt.

that you end up shedding. And then the, the Crooked way. Or the straightway, the pure way. The way of a guilty man is perverse, or crooked But as for the pure, his work Right straight. And so you can't cut Corners morally. If you cut Corners morally, you're going to end up, you know, if you don't do it, just the straight right way.

You will end up guilty. But if by God's grace, You walk straight in the path that the Lord says, then you will end up pure

And so rather than Rather than having our end. Be or our goal, or what we're trying to get or trying to achieve Be the thing that. Determines how we are going to do things. We need to have God's word. Determine and wisdom that he has given us to be able to obtain in his world.

Recognizing that we are before his face. So, interact with the Lord, first and foremost, In everything that you do, that's one of the reasons why he gives us. To worship him. That we might have. Our set times in private and as a family, And in the congregation. Interacting with him.

And that those interactions with him that undivided time, That we give to him. That, that would inform and shape how we live the rest of our life. That we would be remembering and interacting with him. Of course. Those who I turn not upon worship times or Go through the motion and worship times and do not interact with him.

From the heart. If you go through your worship times, even this worship time and Are not interacting with the Lord thinking about his word interacting with him. in his worship as we pray and sing as well. Then it will not help you. Interact with him, as you. Go through your life.

Rather, you will be. Inoculated against him. Which is very dangerous. Let's ask him. Help us be. Intentional diligent lies. According to his word and even making great use of his world. Let's pray. My father in Heaven. We thank you for This passage for giving it to us. In your word and for giving it to our family.

Just now in this Worship time. We pray Lord, that you would Help us to be mindful of you. Especially when we worship. But The interaction with you during the worship times that your spirit would also use that. To make us mindful of you and how we do everything. That we would not be haste to your lying or violent or Cut in Corners.

And so help us by your spirit. We ask in Jesus name Amen.