

2023.02.04 Family Worship lesson in “the Proverb of the day”

Proverbs 4:1–4

“How a Father Should Teach, and How His Children Should Listen”

- 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;
Keep my commands, and live.

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 a father should teach his children from the Bible, and the children should hear as listening to their heavenly Father, with the whole person for the whole life.

(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 4, verses 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 And the sight of my mother.

He also taught me. And said to me, Let your heart retain my words. Keep my commands. And live. So far the reading of god's inspired and to narrant word. And these four verses we have. First of all, what a father. Should teach his children. This is implied. By the fat, by the statement, good doctrine And the fact that, The father.

And, The mother with their child from. Even when About especially, You know, on the As a nursing child and a toddler and so forth. That's tender and the only one in the sight of my mother. And that season of life, where The baby. It has so much and such full attention.

Um, I'm talking about the earliness with, which He taught him. But this father taught him, What all should learn. And that is the instruction of god, the tirah, the law. Of god. God gives us fatherly instruction. He gives us follow the instruction as our heavenly father. As our creator as the living, god, as the one who has all being in himself, all wisdom in himself.

This is what an earthly father must teach his children. When since the earthly father Should be teaching as children with the bible says, with the lord says, When he does. So He can impress upon his children, not just by their right respect for him as a dad. And Not just by his having greater wisdom than they do and not just by his having love for them.

But by their respect for god. And god's wisdom being infinite, and god's goodness. Being infinite. He can. Require of his children. That they give attention. That they don't forsake. That they retain in the heart. That they keep the commands. So the first thing is, what a father should teach his children.

The word of god, the truth of god The second thing is, What a chill, what children should do while Their father is teaching them. The word of god, and they should hear. And give attention. Here my children. And here, you can see. If you're looking that Maya is an attack, which i assume means.

That there is not the Um, Possessive suffix on the end of the word here. Children. The instruction of a father. And give attention. To no understanding. Which means that when you're being taught, you don't just Turn your face, you know, if you point your nose, then all of then your ears are pointed correctly and If you lift your eyes, then your ears are leveled correctly.

In this Uh, those kinds of things. Um, But that you hear? And so, you intentionally process. The words with your brain. Okay, so you're listening to Uh, what is being said, and you give attention Which means you intentionally shut out other distractions. Uh, which is often best accomplished by thinking meditating upon what you are hearing.

I just noticed, several of you. Even as you are receiving instruction giving better hearing. As a result of hearing. The instruction. Well, that's what we do while. We are listening. And then there are there's what we do after We are listening, do not forsake. My law. He says And we'll come back to that and let your heart retain.

My words. So if our father, and if those others whom the lord has appointed to us because it's the father in the home. The husband and the home. Um, But in the church of course it's the elders, the pastor teachers, Whom the lord. Jesus has given from heaven having ascended on high and given gifts among men.

That if the lord has given us, Specific people by whom he addresses us with his word then he wants us to be meditating upon thinking about turning over thinking about, well, what does that mean for my life? What do i need to believe? What do i need to stop?

Believing what do i need to stop? Feeling? What do i need to do and stop doing? What do i need to feel? Um, How does that connect to the other things? That the lord has been teaching me through my dad and through my pastor through my elders. And so you retain in your heart and you practice, Uh, what sometimes is called christian meditation.

Making the habit of your mind. To be to dwell upon the word of god, generally. And then specifically The word of god. As it is being opened to you. By those whom the lord has given you to do. So, So, Uh, while you're being instructed, you're here and give attention.

Uh, once you're done being instructed, after you're being instructed, you do not forsake but retain And then, The fact that it is do not forsake my law. And let your heart retain my words. Keep my commands and live. You may have actually picked up already that when we were talking about christian meditation.

Uh when i was talking about retaining, it in your hearts it was doing and stopping doing and feeling and stopping feeling and thinking and stopping thinking And that's the last part is we are to apply. God's word in our lives. We are to keep His commands and live. We are not to forsake.

His law. And this is, What a father must teach his children. This is what children must do. With their small, their father's words. And you may one day. No longer have a father to teach you. But you still have a heavenly father, who teaches you from his word. Do you still have the sun?

The lord jesus. Who is the word? And to addresses you especially in the preaching, You still have the holy spirit who is always with you. To bring to mind, and Make fertile and fruit fertile, your heart and fruitful has worked in your heart, and in your life. And these things as they apply in a small way to your earthly father Of course, they apply in the great way.

In the way. The great way. To your father. Who is in heaven? So, let us Uh, give attention. To his word and his teaching. Well, this Meditate. Upon it. And let us live. To buy it. Let's pray. Her father in heaven, we thank you that you have given us the opportunity to worship you at the beginning of this day together.

Lift our hearts up and prays. To give attention to your word. You have taught us in the scripture. And as you are giving us to be taught as a family from the scripture. We pray that your holy spirit would keep being our teacher. That we would be those who are taught of god.

Bless us. We pray and the rest of the day. To have your word on our minds and on our hearts. Grant that when we come to hear different parts of your word explained and applied. In the lessons of the day. That we might heed what you have said. With our heavenly fathers, Law.

Our heavenly fathers fatherly instruction. We ask it. Through jesus, amen.