

2024.05.05 Family Worship lesson in “the Proverb of the day”

Proverbs 6:12–15

“The Heart and End of the Mischievous”

- 12 A worthless person, a wicked man,
Walks with a perverse mouth;
13 He winks with his eyes,
He shuffles his feet,
He points with his fingers;
14 Perversity *is* in his heart,
He devises evil continually,
He sows discord.
15 Therefore his calamity shall come suddenly;
Suddenly he shall be broken without remedy.

Pastor teaches his family a selection from “the Proverb of the day.” In these two verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that only God’s pure words give us true knowledge of Him in Whom we trust.

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Proverbs chapter 6, verses 12 through 15. These are God’s words. A worthless person. A wicked man walks with a perverse mouth. He Winks with his eyes. He shuffles his feet, he points with his fingers. Perversity is in his heart. He devises evil continually He se. Discord. Therefore, his Calamity shall come suddenly Suddenly, he shall be broken.

With. Remedy. So far, the reading of gods inspired. And Aaron twerked. This worthless person, the son of Uh, belial. Literally, Uh, this wicked man. He is engaged everything he does is calculated. Uh, to accomplish his mischief. And, In particular, this Mischief is to so Discord. Because people are easily manipulated and those who are worthless and mischievous.

Mischievous, they find. Um, at much easier to manipulate. People to accomplish their wicked goals. Than to put in diligent work, although they’re not. Beyond putting in diligent work. In fact. Uh, it’s uh A couple months since we. Uh got the proverb of the day done on the sixth of the month, but the last time we did, or if you have your Bible open, you can see that the previous section is all about laziness.

Well, by contrast, the man in verses 12 through 15 is very active. His mouth is at work. His eyes are at work. His feet are work. His fingers are at work. Everything is calculated. And the reason that all of his outer, Uh, parts are serving his wicked purposes is because they’re controlled by a heart and the crookedness.

The perversity goes down to the heart. So that if we find ourselves, gossiping signaling very carefully calculating. Where we are our mannerisms. We should be very concerned about what is in our hearts. And if there are other people who are always, Manipulating the social dynamics. In a calculated or often in modest, way making themselves a center of attention in order to do the manipulating.

Then we should be warned here by this. Scripture that the perversity isn’t just in their gossiping mouth. The perversity is in their heart where they’re continually devising things. And what is continually devised in such a heart evil. Has continually devised in such a heart. Uh, inverse 14. But God sees God notices the mannerisms and the strategies and the words and all those things.

And more than that. God, sees the heart. And so this is not only a warning against us that we ought not be this sort of person first and foremost but it’s also a comfort and a reminder and an encouragement. If if you are in a situation where there is such a person, there’s should not fret.

Over what they might accomplish. If you are, have been come, the victim of such a person. Uh, you should not let yourself be bitter about what has happened. No point in fretting over when they what they might accomplish, When God sees exactly what they’re doing, indeed, God sees their very heart.

And he only let them do whatever is to his glory and his people’s good and there’s no point in being bitter and there’s no point in being revengeful even worse in your bitterness because God will avenge And so there’s this realization in verse 15 that is very similar to the realization of asaph when he goes to worship.

And he sees the glory of God and he realizes again. All things are about God and His Holiness, God and His glory, and he remembers his end. Afterward, you will receive me into glory. Whom have I in heaven, but you And he of course, re realizes the end of those wicked ones.

Whom he had been envying, whom he had been fighting over and he says, truly you sit set them in slippery places all at once they shall fall. Without remedy And and that’s what verse 15 says. Therefore, his Calamity shall come. Suddenly, how does verse 15 follow verses? 12-15 12-14, why is it?

Therefore, well, it’s because God sees the eyes, the feet, the fingers, and the heart. You could trust the Lord. With what is going to happen. This helps guard the righteous or should help guard the righteous. I’ve been in situations where Even in. Church government assemblies and senates. There would be the plotting of those who.

Or Wicked pursuing, Wicked, agendas and doing it in a wicked way. And I have heard those who were on the right side of the position argue that we need to organize and be political and duel and that we should be

Shrewd as serpents. And remain innocent as doves. Well, you could you can't be wise as a serpent if Um, or you can't be innocent as a dove if you're using the strategy of the servants. You be Discerning. It doesn't mean don't notice that these people are manipulating. And that they're like this.

You should notice a so you don't listen to their gossip when they tell you about someone else. B, so you don't get sucked in with them. See so you don't divulge your heart to them. Give you give them ammunition for the sowing of the Discord. All those things. You know, there is wisdom to be exercised but part of the wisdom is, To know from the Bible that God is going to cause them to have a sudden.

Unfixable. Calamitous fall. And, Therefore, don't fret. And therefore, don't be bitter. And therefore don't be vengeful. Um, His Calamity shall come, suddenly He shall be broken without remedy, God can be trusted. To cause Providence to fall out correctly. And to be just and repaying all sin. But let us remember that.

He sees our hearts. And our mouth eyes feet and fingers. And seek from him Grace to transform us from the inside out, that we would not be the man. That is described in these four verses. Let's ask God to have that mercy on us. Our gracious. God and our heavenly father.

We do confess that we Uh, often just go through. Situations not paying attention to what's in our heart. And even not paying attention to. Uh, what we are doing with. Our males, our eyes, our feet, our fingers, Um, Uh, manipulating others, we pray. Lord that you would not let us do that that you'd forgive us, our sins and conform us to Christ.

Make us upright and straightforward and Uh, to be those who have integrity. And make peace and rather than sewing Discord. So conform us to Christ. And that way we ask and we do pray that you would help us. Not to be anxious or to fret. Or bitter or vengeful.

Uh, when we encounter such people, but to remember, That you are wise and just and Sovereign. Help us entrust ourselves to you and rejoice. That you who are just Have satisfied that Justice with respect to our sins. In Christ, and at his cross. And so it's through him that we ask these things, amen.