

2023.06.05 Family Worship lesson in “the Proverb of the day”

Proverbs 5:1–2

“Heeding Wisdom to Teach Others”

- 1 My son, pay attention to my wisdom;
Lend your ear to my understanding,
- 2 That you may preserve discretion,
And your lips may keep knowledge.

Pastor teaches his family a selection from “the Proverb of the day.” In these two verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us how to attend upon the wisdom-teachers that the Lord has given us, so that we may be well-equipped for Him to use us to teach others.

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Proverbs five. the first two verses. My son, pay attention to my wisdom. Lend your ear to my understanding. That you may preserve discretion. And your lips. May keep knowledge. So far the reading of god's inspired and inherent worked.

We see here, the Need to. Give our minds and Even. Marshall our bodies as well as possible. To the paying attention to instruction from god. In this case, instruction on the lips of a parent. But we know also that god has given us to have elders in the church as teachers just as he has given us the father In the home and the parents and the home.

As teachers. And this would apply to both. If we're going to give our minds, To wisdom. Then we have to give our ears first, there's an easy way. To point your ears. Um, the ears are a part of the body that Uh, we are not able to really direct muscularly apart from our head.

And so if you point your nose or you point your eyes in the direction of the person speaking, your ears will be perfectly suited to retrieve the sound that is coming. From that direction. And so, uh, yes, this is A. Way of speaking, it's a Metaphorical. Um, but it is.

Reminding us that there's truth a physical truth behind the metaphor. That since we are creatures. And often our flesh is a sort of a source of weakness, our creaturallness our physicality especially In this age. Between the fall. And the resurrection. In these. Bodies that are part of a creation that is bound to corruption and decay.

Our bodies can be a source of weakness. And yet we are to use our bodies. In faith in the lord jesus christ, trusting him and therefore Serving him offering our bodies, as living sacrifices offering the members of our body to him to god as slaves for righteousness, in the lord jesus christ.

So, When we are being taught, we want to give our mind. To what is being taught? Praise god. He says that the way he keeps us from being conformed to the pattern of this world is through the renewing of our mind. The way we are sanctified is through his truth.

This word is truth. Even when we first come to faith, faith comes by hearing and hearing the word of god. It is the implanted word. Uh, james chapter 1 that is able to save our souls. It is the word of god. The apostle says to Timothy, that is able to make us wise un to salvation.

And so, we have every reason to want to not listen. In the mechanical way thinking that if you're just there when the words are said, you're going to get better or a magical way as if it's some kind of incantation. But we listen to the word as a means and And so, we want to To be wise and to have our mind renewed and we we're listening for truth, we're to attend with our minds.

To understand and have our thoughts, informed. So that we meditate Upon the word and that begins with something as simple. As giving our ear. To this activity of paying attention and listening. And there's more at stake than just our Having discretion and knowledge. Look at verse 2. He doesn't say that you may have discretion.

And, Um, Without your heart to make you knowledge although that's certainly both of those things are desirable but it's so that you may preserve Discretion. And so that you are lips may keep knowledge. Well, lips, that keep knowledge, our lips that are repeating knowledge, so that the wisdom and the understanding, and the discretion, and the knowledge that comes from one generation to the next one will be preserved.

That way and the lips keeping the knowledge will transmit it to another one. And one of the things that filter transmit to the next generation is, Pay attention. And give your ear. And they will say that to another generation and they all say that to another generation. It's god's.

Covenantal way. Of. Of preserving the truth of his word. The truth of his wisdom from one generation to the next by those whom he's given Elders in the church. The church of the pillar in buttress of the truth guards. The deposit that is entrusted to it, elder's in the church, but also parents and their own And one of the most important reasons for you to pay attention and to listen and to look and see that, this is what this verse says and to be able to remember these lessons later you come back and you read it and and you see all those things that dad pointed out, or that a pastor pointed out on that is your pastor mostly but you see those things and the spirit reminds you Of.

Of the The things that you see here and you tell them to your children, And then they tell them to others. And so forth and so garden has mercy. Gives faith and sanctification and salvation and transformation. Renewing. Not a transformation through the renewing of the mind from one generation to another in christ, by the spirit's use of the word.

And so may the lord help you. To pay attention to give your ear. To preserve knowledge. And to be ready and equipped for the day that it comes time for your lips to have the knowledge On your lips. That it may be preserved that it may be kept. Let's pray.

Our father in heaven. We thank you for this portion of your word. And for your providence and what you have given it to us tonight. We're so thankful. Oh lord. That we know that. Our whole life is ordered planned out in the same. Love that gave us christ. And so we come to you hearing what you have said in this.

Passage now asking that your spirit would write, It's truth on our hearts. That we would see how you have loved us. So to instruct us and that you would give us to love you. In receiving the instruction, you pray for my children. In particular from this passage. Oh lord.

That you would not only give them to half wisdom and discretion and understanding and knowledge. Um, but that you would give them to be those who preserve it. And who transmit it? To the next generation. Oh lord, be raising up for them and preserving for them. Sanctifying for them even now.

Their spouse. Who will join? In this task bless those families where the worship is being conducted. Um, that will pass on and join our families in the generation to come. We pray o god, that you'd be glorified. For and buy all the gracious work that you do for us.

How we thank you most of all, for christ. For his righteousness, candid foils. For his sacrifice putting away our scent. The only way that we can ever come to you. And our great hope and joy. In this life, in the next. We thank you lord and we ask you to hear us in his name.

Amen.