

2022.05.14 Family Worship lesson in "the Proverb of the day"

Proverbs 14:7–9

"How to Be and Choose a Good Friend with Biblical Wisdom"

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- 7 Go from the presence of a foolish man,
When you do not perceive in him the lips of knowledge.
- 8 The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way,
But the folly of fools is deceit.
- 9 Fools mock at sin,
But among the upright there is favor.

Pastor leads his family in a selection from "the Proverb of the day." In these three verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the sort of wisdom that makes someone else (or oneself) a good choice for a friend.

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Proverbs 14 verses 7 through 9. These are God's words go from the presence of a foolish, man. When you do not perceive in him, the lips of knowledge, the wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way. But the folly of fools, is deceit, fools mock at sin, but among the upright, there is favor So far, the reading of God's Word and good counsel here for him.

You have as your companions, your friends, it's just necessarily mean everyone with whom you interact, but it definitely means those with whom you spend your time go from the presence of a foolish, man. When you do not perceive in him, the lips of knowledge, someone who's speech is not helping you to.

I think clearly to fear God, first of all, and foremost to restrain your fleshliness and to overcome it by the truth and wisdom of God's Word, someone who's lips are not often praising and thanking God. But rather complaining and grumbling someone who is often telling you what they think and not grounding it in what the Bible says.

This is a kind of person that you don't want to be spending time with it, doesn't just say, don't listen to them, It says go from their presence. This is one of the things that as we have tried to help you choose. Good friends. And a big part of that has been for you to have friends from families of the same philosophy that kids left to themselves are foolishness.

Factories Folly is bound up in the heart of the child says, the one proverb. And a, he who walks of the wise will come wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm says the other Proverbs. So if folly is bound up in the hearts of children and companions of full sulfur harm, then the kind of child that you are looking for to spend your time with and have as your companions are the sort who are happy to go with you to spend time around.

Otherwise, people and who, although each of you are still foolish to a great extent to at least have enough wisdom to keep your mouth shut. So that the people who are doing the talking, are the wise people that you are hanging around with. So you watch out for people, for instance, in the church, socialization times not fellowship, times worship is the greatest fellowship time, but in social church socialization times, you don't want to hang around with the kids, who are always running off to have a little group of kids somewhere in some corner, apart from the wise, you want to spend time with other kids.

Sure. It's these are gonna be God willing your companions throughout your life. The ones who, and you are the wise ones are seeking to pass on that wisdom to the generation coming. After you, that is still in the midst of being delivered from its earlier youthful folly. So there's nothing wrong with with wanting to spend time with them, but you want to spend time with the wiser ones, you don't have to spend time with it with someone just because they're your age, Find those who are your age, who's whether it's from their parents, or whether God helping them apart from or above even with their parents convictions are who have similar Bible convictions.

So you're spending time together but you're also spending time with someone wiser, someone of the kind of godly character that you think to yourself when I'm mature. I would like to be more like this adult than that adult. Just because someone has a bunch of years tacked onto their age, doesn't make them wise either.

There are plenty of adults whose conversation is no better. Then the children or the adolescence and it doesn't make it better to hang out with one of them. In fact yeah we'll leave the word hanging out alone. That's a little bit of far field from this Anyway, go from the presence of a foolish man.

When you do not receive in him, the lips of knowledge. So, as long as you keeps himself, shut it keeps his mouth shut. He's maybe worth hanging around but someone who has verbal diarrhea, it just won't stop coming out and what's coming out as of a poor quality. Loose doesn't hold together.

That's not the person to be spending your time with if you want to a little bit more information on recognizing and what the lips of knowledge look like we move on to verse 8, the wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way but the folly of fools is deceit.

So the wise man is not going to be talking that much which means you're really going to have to refrain your lips. Restrain your lips because a wise

person is going to be thinking a lot and understanding his own way. Choosing his words carefully, making sure that he's got things thought through instead of just kind of speaking out loud.

The full the folly of fools is deceit. The foolish person wants to sound wise. So he's always saying things and he uses words and he refers to ideas, and he puts on airs as if he's wise, This is especially true among adolescents, who are always coming into a little bit of knowledge here and a little bit of knowledge there.

And the moment they gain a little bit of any kind of knowledge, they assume that they have attained that the whole history of humanity has been waiting for them to arrive and to gain this piece of knowledge that they now blather about until they beat it into the ground and proved that they haven't even understand understood.

If you words or phrases that that they have just come into contact with. So the folly of fools is deceit. Sadly people who speak this way. Often full forgive the term or maybe don't forget the term. Maybe that's related, but they fool others. But the person they are always, fooling is themselves.

So don't you don't be this person. Don't be the person who you learn something and you decide that it's your job to go around telling every single person at church. The same thing that you just learned this week When I hear an adult doing that, when I hear an adult telling eight, different people or groups of people, the same thing that they just read this week.

I realize that that person isn't really reading that person is just collecting a point to make themselves look smart. So people who are trying to look smart with their words are doing exactly the opposite. If you have the wisdom of proverbs 14 verse 8, to help you. And the easiest way to telephone is how they respond us in.

If the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom, then the truly wise person will never treat goddess small and will never treat sin as small because sin is against God, sin is worse than hell. A moment of the least heinous sin, remember some sins in an up in themselves.

And by reason of several aggravations are more heinous in the sight of God than others. But a moment of the, most of the least heinous sin as guilty with a guilt, that deserves an infinity of hell Sin is infinitely, worse than hell, Why? Because sin is against God and hell is upon sinners for God's sake, right?

So fools mock at sin. Yeah, the the child who, as a mocker, or a scoffer, and if they get corrected for something, they run off with their other little children. And and they make even some kind of face, let alone going on to speak. Those sort of words, you know, don't see what the big deal is blah blah or I just wanted to blah blah or whatever way it is that they communicate sin isn't really such a big deal.

I'm really upset with that person who who took that sin so seriously run for your life from that person. That is the foolish man. The first part of verse 7, that you want to go from their presence fools mock it sin. But among the upright there is and it's translated favor.

But the word is grace and it's important for us to see that the upright are not those who are sinless. The upright are those who know the greatness of what God has had to do to its own for our sin. The upright are those who know the greatness of the power of God that is necessary for fighting against sin.

So the upright rejoice not in how much better. They are than those fools over there, that think sin is no big deal. The upright are those who rejoice and how merciful and good and powerful. God is to forgive us for something, so awful as sin and to help us in the battle against something.

So, powerful is sin. And so, while the fool is treating sin, as a small thing, the upright is treating grace as a great thing, and those are the people that you want to walk with in your life now and those are the connections that you want to be building now.

So that one day, you will be the adults who see the grace of God as a great thing and who don't treat sin as small, but who are careful of their own hearts seeking to understand what's going on. So that they can glorify God and bring grace to bear and how you think, and how you speak and how you act and Lord willing some years from now, you'd be telling your children.

And there will be other parents who were the children that you chose and had as your companions. And they'll be telling their children and all y'all's children can come out of the family instruction and Proverbs 14:7 through nine and consider who among the congregations to have as their companions.

And God blessing to us his word and his spirit working out in us, the mind of Christ to, to put into practice. This portion of God's Word, He can prepare another generation to walk in the wisdom of the Lord Jesus Christ. As we build one, another up, or to put it more accurately, as we are used of him in the building of one another up and he does us and all his people.

Good unto his glory by making us live, according to his instruction rather than the instincts. And impulses of our sinful hearts and minds. Let's ask him to do that. Our Father in heaven, how we thank you for this brief. Section containing these three verses and we pray that your spirit would write it on our hearts help my children.

First of all, have God to recognize in themselves, their own volley and and recognizing it in others. Not to look down upon them or have contempt for them but grant to them to rejoice over Christ and His forgiveness and His life and righteousness and wisdom, which your spirit gives and we pray that your spirit would give it.

And I pray O God that you'd continue to help those who are more mature among us in our home and in our congregation to continue growing and grace, and in wisdom. So that there would be those whose lips do have knowledge and wisdom and we may spend time with and each sharpening.

The other be used by you for the growing up of all into Christ. O God have mercy upon those who are fools. We pray that you would grant to them to receive the correction from their parents and the family worship. We pray that you would help their parents to be consistent that your spirit would help them to open your word.

Well, and that you would use your powerful and life-giving and mind transforming word in each of those families. And we pray that you would help each of us, especially when we come to the public preaching and teaching to sit under it and be shaped by it. So that we would not be conformed to the pattern of this world.

Even though our hearts, originally our fleshliness from, Adam are so ready and even already according to the pattern of this world. But we pray that you would cause us to be transformed by the renewing of our minds. So that we may be conformed to Christ and to his mind.

So help us god to walk. According to the instructions given here and pray for my children, especially that should give them wisdom in choosing with whom to spend their time and that you would give me and that you would give mom insight and perception to guide our children. Well, as they developed this skill for the now and for the rest of their lives and eventually with their own children, grant it, we ask in Christ's name.

Amen