# ON WEALTH PROVERBS: ANCIENT WISDOM FOR A POSTMODERN WORLD

**First Reading:** Proverbs 3:9-10; 10:3-4; 15, 22; 11:4, 24, 17:1; 18:11; 19:17; 22:2; 23:4-5; 24:3-4; 29:13; 30:7-9 \*Free Bibles available on stage near Besserer door. The Gospel: Mark 7:31-37





Making disciples gripped by the gospel, living for God's glory.

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## WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH!

We are a prayerful, Bible-teaching, evangelical church in the heart of the city with a heart for the city and the world. We are a member of the Anglican Network in Canada and part of the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans. We seek to be a biblically faithful and orthodox church within the Anglican Way of following Jesus.

### Are you new? Get connected!

Are you interested in learning more about Messiah and getting connected? Email **info@messiahchurch.ca** or call **613.235.0596.** Also check out our website at **messiahchurch.ca** 

## **Nursery & Sunday School**

Nursery (0 - 24 months) and Sunday School (2 yrs - Grade 6) are available at the 10am Service. For Nursery, please bring children to the lobby before or during the service. For Sunday School, kids are invited to "follow the cross" during the last worship song.

## LEADERSHIP TEAM

**Rev. Canon George Sinclair** 

Rector

Daniel Gilman

Pastor of Evangelism and Discipleship

**Shirley Allan**Administrator

Andrew Hamilton
Guest Worship Leader

**Wardens:** Dick Butler, Gary Graber, John Rayson, Shannon Ripley, Karl Ruban, Dana Scherf

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## Giving

If you are visiting, please feel free to let the plate go by. If you would like to donate, there are many ways to give:

- 1) Place cash or cheques payable to "Church of the Messiah" in the offering plate on Sunday, or mail to the church office. Please contact the office if you are interested in using offering envelopes.
- 2) Visit messiahchurch.ca/give to donate online via CanadaHelps.
- 3) Email your contribution to givings@messiahchurch.ca Please use the security question: "What is the pastor's first name?" and the answer: "George"
- 4) Pre-authorized debit You can authorize the church to debit your bank account for a fixed amount on a recurring basis of your choice. To get started, please contact the office info@messiahchurch.ca

## Financial Update at July 30:

Target Offering: \$174, 372 Actual Offering: \$155,430

## THE FORGOTTEN HEART OF THE ANGLICAN WAY

Dear friends,

Christianity came to England towards the end of the second century, over 1800 years ago. The Christian faith later spread to Wales, Scotland and Ireland. This British Christian tradition was reformed in the mid 1500's. What we now know of as Anglicanism or the Anglican Way emerged out of the English Reformation. Much of the Anglican Way has been forgotten by the Anglican churches of North America. This is tragic.

While much of the continental reformation developed Confessions, long catechisms or theological statements, the leaders of the English Reformation focused on helping people read the Bible daily in a humble, prayerful, Christian way to the end that the average Christian would hear the whole counsel of God by reading through the Bible every year. In fact, the New Testament would be read twice, the Old Testament (apart from the Psalms) would be read once and the Psalms would be read through six to twelve times a year! The historical Anglican Way is deeply Biblical!

A simplified Daily Offices was developed along with a simple Lectionary. A Lectionary is a fancy word for a daily Bible reading plan. Daily Offices is a fancy way of saying a wise and ordered way to pray and read the Bible. The Anglican Way encourages us to Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer, seven days a week - whether alone, in a small group or in a congregation.

There is a refrain to the offices which show the heart of the Anglican Way. After every psalm or canticle is read and prayed (up to seven times during the office!) we are led to pray, in response to God's word, "Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now, and ever more will be; world without end. Amen." This is a key heart prayer of the historic Anglican Way. I pray that this will be my heart prayer and the heart prayer of Messiah. I pray that it will be frequently on our lips and in our hearts and minds and wills.

The full Trinity praised! To live in a world where we know that the praising and celebration of the glory of God is the cry of all creation and all creatures. As it was put in another Anglican document, "What is the chief end (goal or purpose) of humans?" Answer: The chief end of humans is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.

#### I need to develop godly attitudes.

- A) Pray for godly attitudes in general & certain attitudes in particular.
- B) Ask others to pray the same thing for you.
- C) Repeat the attitude to help it sink in. Do this in conjunction with A & B!

#### Attitudes.

- 1) I am loved and rich and secure in Jesus.
- 2) The word "retirement" is not in the Bible. (Billy Graham)
- 3) Choose to be generous. Choose not to be stingy.

#### I need to grow in prayer.

A great way to do this is to learn to pray the Bible. Pray this prayer until you can pray without reading: Dear Lord, I ask for two favours from You. Please let me have them before I die. First, please help me to never tell a lie or believe a lie. Second, please do not give me poverty or riches. Please give me enough to satisfy my needs. I confess before You that if I grow rich I may deny You and say, "Who is the Lord?" I also confess before You that if I am too poor I may steal and thus bring dishonour to You. In Jesus' name. Amen.

#### I need to get God's word in my mind and heart.

Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine. Proverbs 3: 9-10

## I need to do something or start to do something.

Complete the following sentence: "In light of God's word, the Holy Spirit	t is
leading me to	"

## **GOING DEEPER**

## Getting to know me.

Do you have a rich sibling? Do you have a poor sibling?

## Getting into the Bible.

Remember to pray and ask for God to bring His word home to you so you will know and live His word.

- 1. Read Proverbs 3: 9-10; 10:3-4, 15, 22; 11:4, 24; 17:1; 18:11; 19:17; 22:2; 23:4-5; 24:3-4; 29:13; 30:7-9
- 2. Read Romans 8: 23-24; 1 Corinthians 15: 20-23, 42-43, 50-58; 2 Corinthians 8: 9-10; 1 Peter 1: 18-19

## **Getting real.**

Has the Holy Spirit been convicting you of some truth or action? Can you share some of this so others can pray for you?

TUE / AUG 25 Moms and Tots Drop-in

10am-noon@ 119 Rochester St. **Lowertown Home Group** 7pm @ 110 Nelson St.

WED / AUG 26 Wurtemburg Home Group 7:30pm @84 Fairmont Ave.

We are thankful to have Andrew Hamilton as our Guest Worship Leader today. Welcome, Andrew.

New ways to give to Church of the Messiah.

In addition to the current methods of giving (the offering plate and online via CanadaHelps) there are two new ways to give to Church of the Messiah. *Please note that we are charged a processing fee of 3.9% of the total of each donation made through CanadaHelps*.

Now, additionally:

- **Email transfer of funds** Effective immediately, you can send an email transfer of funds from your bank account to Church of the Messiah. You will incur the cost your bank charges for this transfer (usually \$1 or \$1.50) and the church is charged its regular deposit fee (less than the CanadaHelps cost and the same cost as an offering plate donation).
- **Pre-authorized debit** Effective September 1, you can authorize the church to debit your bank account for a fixed amount on a recurring basis of your choice. You can cancel the arrangement at any time. The church enjoys a consistent receipt of contributions (you don't have to be in church to give your offering) and the fees associated with this process are less than those charged by CanadaHelps.

Check out the insert for further details and how to start!

The weekly **Tuesday Prayer Meeting** will resume on September 8 at 7pm.

Thank you for your support of our friend, **Norman Igloopialik**. Norman will graduate from his program at the Mamisarvik Healing Centre on August 28 @ 3pm. You are invited to attend this ceremony. The Mamisarvik Healing Centre is located at 1863 Russell Rd.