LISTEN ? / ! PROVERBS: ANCIENT WISDOM FOR A POSTMODERN WORLD

First Reading Proverbs 3:11-12; 9:7-10; 12:15; 13:10; 13:13-14; 13:18; 18:2; 18:15

The Gospel Luke 5: 1-11

*Free Bibles available on stage near Besserer door.





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2) Visit messiahchurch.ca/give to donate online via CanadaHelps.

Financial Update at June 30: Target Offering: \$153,555 Actual Offering: \$135,083 KEY NEW TESTAMENT TEXTS WHEN READING PROVERBS

Dear friends,

We should not read the book of Proverbs the same way that a devout rabbi reads Proverbs. First of all, Jesus tells us twice (Luke 24: 19-27 and 44-47) that all of the Old Testament must be understood in light of Himself, crucified and risen. Second of all, a Christian is a follower of Jesus, so we need to follow Him in His understanding of the Old Testament, including Proverbs. Jesus' teaching will be both more grace-filled and more cutting, as His words will penetrate to the heart.

So, what follows are several key New Testament texts we need to remember in general when we read Proverbs.

- 1 John 4: 20, If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. (This and all other Bible passages are from the ESV - English Standard Version) Proverbs challenges us at the level of "our brother or sister whom we have seen" so we can know God whom we have not seen. Proverbs provides profound "baby-steps."
- Matthew 7: 3(4-5) Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Read the full quote. Do not read Proverbs to see how the proverbs apply to other people. Read to see how the proverbs apply to you.
- James 1: 5 (6-8) *If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.* Ask God to grant you wisdom as you read!
- Colossians 2:3 Referring to Jesus, this verse says, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.
- As well, read 1 Corinthians 1: 23-25 (18-31) ... but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. So read Proverbs and each proverb remembering that wisdom is not within or abstract. True wisdom is a Person, the Lord Jesus Messiah.
- Finally, read John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

The way of wisdom is Jesus Christ crucified. The way of wisdom is the way of truth and knowledge of the truth - Jesus Christ crucified. The way of wisdom is the way of life -Jesus Christ crucified.

GROWING IN GRACE

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 pray because God listens.
- 2) I cannot know anything without being corrected.
- 3) True love truly corrects.

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 confess that I do not recognize when I am not listening to other people. I confess that I do not recognize when I descend to insolent mocking and scoffing. I confess that some words of correction terrify me. Please help me to follow Jesus gripped by the gospel and growing in my ability to truly listen. Amen.

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

Blessed is the one who finds wisdom, and the one who gets understanding, for the gain from her is better than gain from silver and her profit better than gold. Proverbs 3: 13-14 ESV

I need to do something or start to do something.

Complete the following sentence: "In light of God's word, the Holy Spirit is leading me to _____."

GOING DEEPER

Getting to know me.

Who is the best listener you know? (If you are married, you are not allowed to say your spouse.)

Getting into the Bible.

Pray that God will help you truly listen to His Word written.

- 1. Read Proverbs 3:11-12; 9:7-10; 12:15; 13:10; 13:13-14; 18:2
- 2. Read Psalm 23 and John 10: 1-21

Getting real.

Has the Lord convicted you of something as you read and discussed His Word? Can you share some of this so others can pray for you?

TUE / JUL 7 Messiah Prayer Meeting 7pm @ Messiah Office / 315 Lisgar St. The House (Home Group) 7pm @ 148 Augusta St.

Lowertown Home Group 7pm @ 110 Nelson St.

WED / JUL 8 Church on Wednesday 7pm @ uOttawa Agora Wurtemburg Home Group 7:30pm @84 Fairmont Ave.

Get together TODAY for a picnic! Why not head over to Strathcona Park (Laurier Ave East at the Rideau River) for a casual get-together after today's service.

Are you willing to help with Sunday School in July and

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Ever been interested in studying Biblical Hebrew?

Ryle Theological College is running an introductory course Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10:30am-12:30pm at 315 Lisgar St. The course runs July 15 - August 13. Cost is \$235 (audit) or \$900 (credit). Questions? info@messiahchurch.ca / 613 235 0596.

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