

KINGDOM ADVANCING PRAYER

Mark: 1:35 & Matt: 11: 11-12

From the desk of Elder Michael Scantlebury

Building A Sure House Our Youths Take On Proverbs

Proverbs Chapter 2

Over the next several months we will be taking a journey into the heart and minds of our young people – as they explore the book of Proverbs. I was truly blessed in reading some of their writings and as such thought it would also be a blessing to you and yours.

“My son, if you receive my words, And treasure my commands within you, So that you incline your ear to wisdom, And apply your heart to understanding; Yes, if you cry out for discernment, And lift up your voice for understanding, If you seek her as silver, And search for her as for hidden treasures; Then you will understand the fear of the LORD, And find the knowledge of God. For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding; He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk uprightly; He guards the paths of justice, And preserves the way of His saints. Then you will understand righteousness and justice, Equity and every good path. When wisdom enters your heart, And knowledge is pleasant to your soul, Discretion will preserve you; Understanding will keep you, To deliver you from the way of evil, From the man who speaks perverse things, From those who leave the paths of uprightness To walk in the ways of darkness; Who rejoice in doing evil, And delight in the perversity of the wicked; Whose ways are crooked, And who are devious in their paths; To deliver you from the immoral woman, From the seductress who flatters with her words, Who forsakes the companion of her youth, And forgets the covenant of her God. For her house leads down to death, And her paths to the dead; None who go to her return, Nor do they regain the paths of life-- So you may walk in the way of goodness, And keep to the paths of righteousness. For the upright will dwell in the land, And the blameless will remain in it; But the wicked will be cut off from the earth, And the unfaithful will be uprooted from it.” Proverbs 2 NKJV

Once again, Solomon is giving advice to his son, instructing him on the ways of life. The main thing he is telling his son is to ask God for wisdom and understanding, so that he “will understand the fear of the Lord, /And find the knowledge of God” (vs. 5).

The way Solomon is telling his son to cry out for discernment and understanding (vs. 3-4); struck me as interesting because he says it as if he was talking to a little child. When you want a little child to really do something, you usually tell them in a way that makes it sound enticing, and Solomon describes searching for discernment and understanding as if searching for “silver” or a “hidden treasure”. What really struck me as interesting though, is that gaining discernment and understanding is a quest. It’s not something that you automatically get once you get saved; you have to go searching for it. It all ties in to “[working] out your own salvation with fear and

trembling” (Philippians 2:27). Once you get this discernment and knowledge, it will help safeguard you from all the evil and corruption of the world.

Another thing that Solomon talks about in Proverbs 2 is safeguarding oneself against sexual immorality. Though the passage is aimed at the male being seduced by a female adulteress, it can also be taken in the context of a female being seduced by a male. And now in the 21st century, safeguarding yourself against sexual immorality is something that we should not take lightly anymore, or try to cover up as people used to do before.

And all the searching and being pure pays off in the end, because “the upright will dwell in the land, /And the blameless will remain it” (vs. 21), but the wicked will be taken away from the earth and will not inherit it or whatever is in it.

Please note that we will be changing the day and time of Kingdom Advancing Prayer and as such you will receive the Prayer Letter later in the week. From August 3rd, 2002 we will be meeting for prayer at 5:30 AM at our facilities 204 – 14727 – 108th Avenue, Surrey, BC. If you live in the area and would like to join us you are welcomed to. Thanks again for your faithful support; Blessings!

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elder Scantlebury will be speaking on Trinity Television – “It’s A New Day” programme, July 24-26, 2002. He will be speaking on “The Restoration of Apostles and Prophets to the Church”. Please continue in prayer for this. You can check www.newday.org for viewing info for you area. In the USA and Internationally please check your listings for times on ExpressVu and Star Choice Satellite.• Our “Reaching Out” Initiative, which takes place Wednesdays 11:00 am – 1:00 pm at our facilities where we pray for and counsel people. We want the Lord to show Himself strong at these meetings. We also want to see people come to the Lord through these meetings. If you know anyone in Surrey or environs needing prayer or to hear from God they can contact us, either through our website www.dominion-life.org or telephone 604-953-1087 or 604-293-7759• The Lord is giving us a momentum at this time as we see more people coming to visit and also making Dominion-Life their “home | <p>and for this momentum to increase!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• For the accurate expansion of the support base for Dominion-Life International and the call of God upon our elder’s life.• For greater reach and penetration into the diverse ethnic configuration of Greater Vancouver. As was mentioned several times in previous letters, there are over one hundred [100] nations [ethnos – people groups] living in the Greater Vancouver region. It is a huge melting pot of cultures and ethnicity: what a wonderful place for the Lord to showcase His Glory.• For Sergei Atchkassov and his family in Russia. Let us also pray about our entry into that nation as he works on documents for Elder Scantlebury’s visit. We want to step into that region in the perfect timing of the Lord. We want to be able to maximize our time there. We know that Pastor Atchkassov is the accurate contact; he is the “Son of Peace” for us in that region. It is now, only a matter of the correct timing for our entry so let us pray earnestly about this! |
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church". We want to continue asking the Lord to add to us such as should be saved and

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