

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 3

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, do not forget my law, But let your heart keep my commands; For length of days and long life And peace they will add to you. Let not mercy and truth forsake you; Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart, And so find favor and high esteem In the sight of God and man. Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil. It will be health to your flesh, And strength to your bones. Honor the LORD with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase; So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine. My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor detest His correction; For whom the LORD loves He corrects, Just as a father the son in whom he delights. Happy is the man who finds wisdom, And the man who gains understanding; For her proceeds are better than the profits of silver, And her gain than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies, And all the things you may desire cannot compare with her. Length of days is in her right hand, In her left hand riches and honor. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, And all her paths are peace. 18 She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her, And happy are all who retain her. The LORD by wisdom founded the earth; By understanding He established the heavens; By His knowledge the depths were broken up, And clouds drop down the dew. My son, let them not depart from your eyes-Keep sound wisdom and discretion; So they will be life to your soul And grace to your neck. Then you will walk safely in your way, And your foot will not stumble. When you lie down, you will not be afraid; Yes, you will lie down and your sleep will be sweet. Do not be afraid of sudden terror, Nor of trouble from the wicked when it comes; For the LORD will be your confidence, And will keep your foot from being caught. Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, When it is in the power of your hand to do so. Do not say to your neighbor, "Go, and come back, And tomorrow I will give it, "When you have it with you. Do not devise evil against your neighbor, For he dwells by you for safety's sake. Do not strive with a man without cause, If he has done you no harm. Do not envy the oppressor, And choose none of his ways; For the perverse person is an abomination to the LORD, But His secret counsel is with the upright. The curse of the LORD is on the house of the wicked, But He blesses the home of the just. Surely He

scorns the scornful, But gives grace to the humble. 35 The wise shall inherit glory, But shame shall be the legacy of fools. NKJV Proverbs 3

Proverbs 3 is telling us that if we remember God's law and live by His commands, then long days, long life, and peace would be added unto you.

Let His commands be always with you and you would find favour in the sight of God and man. Let the Lord run your life. Trust in His judgments and do not take heed of your own wants, for the Lord will direct your path. In order for the Lord to add increase and favour to our lives, we must first honour Him with whatever we have, even if it may not be much. That includes our tithes and offerings and any promise to give God if He turns up for you in a particular situation. We must not question or judge God's correction to us because He corrects us out of love as a father does his son.

Wisdom and knowledge (understanding) are the two most important things. I think that proverbs really emphasize wisdom and knowledge because they are the keys to fulfilling anything, whether naturally or spiritually or in any other aspect. Wisdom and knowledge add so many good things to a man's life and the Lord created the earth by wisdom and established the heavens through understanding. Wisdom and discretion are life to your soul.

If it is in your power to give good to the deserving person, then don't withhold. Be upfront and honest and frank with your neighbour. Do not hate your enemies and choose none of their ways. The Lord blesses the home of the just and curses the house of the wicked. The wise shall inherit glory and the shame shall be the legacy of fools.

The most important thing that I learnt from reading this proverb is to give my whole life totally and completely to God for he knows where I'm going. All I have to do is obey him and trust him.

Please note that our Kingdom Advancing Prayer time has changed 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!

SPECIAL REPORT

I wanted to sincerely express our thankfulness to all who supported us in prayer for last week's interview on Trinity Television's "It's A New Day". The interview went very well and all the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ was very present. We were told by the hosts that this is the very first time that they were able to get a very clear understanding of what the Lord is currently doing in His Church through the reformation that is taking place throughout the Body of Christ. To date this has been the clearest expression of the apostolic restoration that they have heard; and to this we give the Lord glory and thanks.

I knew that prayer was constantly being expressed to the Father on our behalf as I was very relaxed and the Word of the Lord flowed freely throughout the interview, which was being aired which was aired Canada-wide and Internationally on satellite. The Lord has already begun using this programme as calls have been coming expressing interest in what the Lord has assigned us to do with and for Him.

It is my earnest prayer that many of you would consider partnering with us as the demands increase upon our lives and ministry. If you sense that this is what the Lord would have you to do please visit our website at www.dominion-life.org and click on the Partnership link for more information.

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