

10 DAY FAST

PROVERBS

DAY TWO · JULY 25 · PASTOR ADAM WAHL

“Be careful little eyes what you see, Be careful little ears what you hear. For the father above is looking down with love...”

Does this sound familiar?

If you grew up in church, then you may have sung/hummed this tune a time or two - and most of us have heard or read the lyrics.

How true that statement is. Our lives are designed to absorb whatever we put in front of us. (Food, beverage, medicine, noises, light, images) Many of you can pull an image or moment in your life that happened 10—50 years ago with vividness and clarity. Something the world’s most powerful computer could never manage to accomplish. So yes, be careful little ears what you hear. I heard this statement from Pastor Steve Harrop many times over the years and how true it is; “If I don’t say it, then she won’t have to remember it.” He’s illustrating how to love your spouse correctly and how to guard and protect her.

As we continue further into our 10 days of Fasting & Prayer we can echo the theme of Repentance that Pastor Steve wrote about in Day 1 Devotional.

Starting tomorrow we are diving in to the book of Proverbs written by a son of King David, Solomon who also wrote Song of Songs, and Ecclesiastes. He is known to be the wisest man to ever walk the

earth, because he asked for it. Anyone desire to have more wisdom? James 1:5 says "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him." Many of us, myself included, falls in this category of lack.

A little backstory to the author of Proverbs, Solomon. He was the son of King David. He executed the plans to build the temple for God, a mear dream in the heart of his father. His mother was the famous Bathsheba, whom was married to Uriah, one of David's mighty men. If you know the rest of the story, you know Solomon grew up with drama, watching his family fall apart due to their sinful ways, even though his father, David sought the heart of God. Drama, now thats something we all have to deal with every now and then.

Through the crumbling and chaos of his life, watching his brothers choose foolish things that only give instant, fleeting gratification, he chose to ask God for wisdom. Solomon humbly recognized his inability to rule well and nobly asked God for the wisdom he would need to govern God's people righteously.

God gave him wisdom and also wealth. In fact, "King Solomon was greater in riches and wisdom than all the other kings of the earth" Wisdom from God is always conditional, however. 1 Kings 3:14 says, "And if you walk in obedience to me and keep my decrees and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life." Wisdom can be granted, but to have be obtained, you must walk in obedience to the Lord.

The reading text is Proverbs 6:16-19. I encourage you to read the whole chapter as it brings these few verses in better context. Solomon touches on the 6 things the Lord hates, 7 things he detests. These listed are the character flaws that embody and worthless person. He touches on eyes, tongue, hands, feet, and mouth, then he ends with the heart (that devises discord, v.14) noting that we all our senses are controlled by the divisiveness of a wicked heart. Jesus said “out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks” We are going to touch on some foolish ways of thought in Proverbs 6:16-19. And while reading we will ask God to search our heart for these flawed areas.

My prayer for you today during this fast is that you are moved to ask God for wisdom and understanding like Solomon. That as you read this passages in Proverbs your heart will forever hold these timeless truths. Ephesians 1:17, Paul writes to the church “ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him,”. Let’s ask God to impart the spirit of wisdom and revelation of His Word that will spring forth life and abundance, while at the same time refine and sanctify us as believers. May we repent of what our little ears have heard and repeated to others, the images we looked at and coveted or lusted after, the divisive things we said and so on. God is quick to forgive and He is full of mercy and grace.

I will leave you with this beautiful passage out of Galatians 5:22-23

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, pa-

tience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.”

Happy Tuesday to all my Cornerstone family!

