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Message Info

Title:

Feast in Wisdom

Speaker:

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Scriptures:

Proverbs 15:1–33

Theme: Choose the good of wisdom and you shall have continual feast.

Introduction: Having a spread of food before you—such as at Thanksgiving—gives a real sense of the benevolent blessing of God. He provides us with all things, including food to sustain us. Wisdom in Proverbs is like a feast (see 15:15), but unfortunately we tend to read Proverbs in a piecemeal manner rather than taking it in for the feast that it is. Far from random isolated sayings, the Proverbs form a feast that makes for a whole and flourishing person.

Proverbs 15 serves three “courses” on the table of wisdom:

1. Wisdom is the highest good.

- The theme of the superiority of wisdom is prominent in Proverbs.
- Wisdom is the highest good, and the centerpiece of the feast of wisdom is the fear of God (Prov. 1:7).
- The riches of wisdom will only be enjoyed by those who fear the God who is watching.
- It is better to be dirt poor and fear God than to have great treasure and the trouble that comes with it (vv. 16–17).

2. Wisdom speaks good words.

- We talk about what we treasure, and our speech is a fruit of the heart (v. 28).
- We always mean what we say. The only proper response to harmful speech is to take responsibility and repent.
- The heart of the fool feeds on folly and he finds no appetite for the Word of God (v. 14).

3. Wisdom listens and learns.

- Those who fear God spend time responding to wisdom and seeking to be corrected by it.
- If we are regularly being disciplined by God, it is a badge of the Father’s love and ownership.
- The joy of the Lord is wrapped up in his wisdom and my submission to it.

Questions:

1. How do you need to take responsibility for your speech? Are there any careless patterns of speech you need to repent of?
2. When was the last time you were corrected, and how did you respond?
3. What opportunities are before you to feast on wisdom?