Dear Lillian Methodist Church family,

Jesus promised His disciples that the Holy Spirit "will teach you all things" (John 14). The beauty of the Spirit is that through the word of God, He reveals the deep truths of God's Kingdom. He also reveals very practical instruction for our day-to-day lives.

The book of Proverbs is replete with wisdom from the mind of God and the pen of Solomon. From the start, the fear of God (respect and reverence for God) is fundamental for obtaining knowledge and wisdom. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge" (1:7). Exercising wisdom will save you a lifetime of trouble and pain from bad associations. "Wisdom will save you from the ways of wicked men" (2:12).

The fear of the Lord, along with wisdom-based judgment, will help you discern between right and wrong, preventing many sleepless nights. "When you lie down, your sleep will be sweet" (3:21). Proverbs guides us as to how to use the resources and abilities given to us by the Lord. " Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act" (3:27).

Marital fidelity will prevent many unnecessary problems in your life. "Drink water from your own cistern, running water from your own well" (5:15). Finally, this proverb has special meaning for us during hurricane season. "A prudent man sees danger and takes refuge, but the simple keep going and suffer for it" (22:3). Every page contains a buried treasure of practical wisdom, waiting to be discovered and illuminated by the Holy Spirit.

The wisdom for the ages can be found in the pages of only one book, the Bible. It is there for all to read, study, believe and obey. "Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." (Psalm 119:105)

See y'all Sunday
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