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Visitors welcome: Thank you for visiting with us today. If you have any questions about the bible or our service please feel free to ask questions after service.

Continued prayer requests: Sister Ceil Ellis, Sister Sue; Brother Henry; Sister Vernelle; Sister Fannie Kelley; Sister Diane Wortman, Brother Smith and Sister PeeWee, Sister Emily, Brother Vince, Sister Jeanette, Brother Sullivan.

Prayer requests from Last Lord's Day: Brother Butler for sin, strength, and his family; Sister Pat for sin; Sister Ashyra for missing last week due to kids being sick; Sister Diedra for her family, and for her aunt passing; Sister Netta for sin and being slowful; Sister Roby for missing bible study, and for being late, and for sin; Sister Geronica for sin, and her grandson's health; Sister Hilda for sin, and for Shanae's health; Sister Sharon for sin, health, and her niece Sheila, also for Marilyn who is in the hospital, also for the health of her family and for being late; Brother Darren for Lorine's Dr appointment for her hand; Visitor Jim for forgiveness for bitterness and a hard heart; Brother Vince, for anger, and being late; Sister Lisa for Aunt Ceil's radiation treatment on Monday; Brother Stuart for Rashauds family's health; Brother Ellis prayers for those in need. Also, for his guest and his family

Announcements:

- The first Sunday Singing is today at Roeser Road Church of Christ. The singing will begin at 2 pm
- There will be a teacher's meeting after morning worship on December 10
- The Fundamental Friday class will be held on December 15 at 7:30 pm. This is a Potluck.
- A Men's Motivational Day is scheduled for December 16 at Tonto Street Church of Christ.
- There will be a Men's Training class and Ladies bible class on December 17 at 2:30 pm
- Members, please email the mail addresses of delinquent members to Brother Williams so an effort can be made to bring these souls back to the Body before it is everlasting too late. Brother Williams email is eddietrustgod@yahoo.com
- There are copies of the sermons available upon request. There is no charge for them.

*****John 13:34-35 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another*****

Memory verse leader this week: Stuart Fain ~ 1 John 2:1-5 (KJV)

1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: 2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. 3 And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. 4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

Memory verse leader next week: ~ Will Gossett 1 Cor 10:31 (KJV)

31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

MINISTER'S NOTES

Proverbs 2:2 ~ So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding;

Listening and loving, submission and passion are keys to wisdom and understanding. Are you willing to pay the price? Solomon listed personal qualifications needed to learn wisdom, and the two in this verse are submission and passion (Pr 2:1-4). Will you turn your ear to hear correction and instruction? Will you engage your ambition to pursue it?

What is it to incline your ear unto wisdom? It means to submit to the verbal instruction of others. Most will not do this. They are too proud to listen to others, too set in their ways to change, too busy to take the time for it, and too lazy to concentrate on a verbal lesson. They will not submit by turning their ear to hear and obey instruction from another.

What is it to apply your heart to understanding? It means to love learning, truth, and wisdom more than any other pursuit. Your heart holds your affections, and you must set your affections on things above, on understanding and wisdom (Pr 8:17; Col 3:2). God has promised He will be found by those who seek Him with their whole heart (Jer 29:13).

Consider Stephen's harsh and sober words to his generation. He cried, "Ye stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye" (Acts 7:51). Notice! They had closed both heart and ears to the truth. They had violated both parts of this proverb. Reader, are you willing to incline your ear and apply your heart to the wisdom of Jesus Christ? If not, you will remain a fool.