
Sermon Text Discussion 2/19/17

Proverbs 2 – “Real Transformation, Really Possible” by Drew Hunter

Overview

As fallen men and women, we don't have to look past ourselves to see areas that are in need of much transformation. If we are honest, there are many things in our lives that are in need of transformation. How does this deep, lasting transformation occur? How do we help our brothers and sisters with this kind of transformation? Proverbs tells us that what we need is more than pithy sayings. True and lasting transformation is possible – but only with God. Proverbs 2 tells us:

- 1) Where change begins (v.1-4)
- 2) How change happens (v.5-11)
- 3) What change looks like (v.12-19)
- 4) Where change leads (v.20-22)

When Christ returns, those who are found in Christ and are upright in heart because of the work of the Holy Spirit will inherit eternal life. Everyone else will be found on the outside looking in.

Quotations

“Resolved, to study the Scriptures so steadily, constantly, and frequently, as that I may find, and plainly perceive myself to grow in the knowledge of [them].” -Jonathan Edwards

“Raking is easy, but all you get is leaves. Digging is hard, but you might find diamonds.” -John Piper

“I am a complete idiot. My future is incredibly bright, and anyone can get in on this.”

Understanding & Application

- 1) What do you want to change in your life? What is one area where you'd like to see transformation to be more like Christ?
- 2) Proverbs 1:7 reminded us that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Change must start here as well. Proverbs 2 tells us the first action step to lasting change is to seek God and ask him for it. What evidence is there in your life in the last seven days that you are actively seeking God and asking him for transformation?
- 3) How is growing in wisdom necessary for salvation? Is this just adding on to what Scripture says, that salvation is by grace through faith? Give your yes/no answer to this question and defend it.
- 4) Do you ask good questions? Do you tend to talk more about yourself and one-up others in conversations, or are you more apt to listen? How does asking good questions to others communicate love?
- 5) Defend this statement - to know God is to know wisdom.
- 6) If wisdom is from God, do unbelievers have wisdom?