

Application Questions

Ecclesiastes 10:19

Reflect back on Ecclesiastes 10:16. Can you name some examples from either our present time or from history where leaders show a lack of judgment with regards to feasting, wine, or money?

What is your definition of feasting? How does feasting work itself out in your home? What are the benefits of a joyful table?

Consider the story of the manna in the wilderness and Jesus feeding the 5000. What do these stories have in common? How should our hearts reflect these common elements at our tables?

What is your opinion of wine? What does the Bible say about wine? Why does the American church have such a difficult time with wine when the Bible calls wine a gift?

Consider Romans 14:21. What is your attitude to those who drink wine? What is your attitude towards those who do not drink wine? What is the Biblical imperative that we find in this verse?

Does money answer everything? Consider Psalm 49:6-10 as you answer this question. What does money not answer?

Read James 5:1-3. What does your money say about you? Where is your heart? Where is your treasure?

Study for next week: Ecclesiastes 10:20.

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, You claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what You claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who You are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following You as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of You that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that You promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed; but through You, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank You for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and giving me forgiveness and new life. Knowing that You have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

A note to our visitors

It is a pleasure having you as a special guest in our Sunday worship today. We hope that you feel warmly welcomed by those around you.

Our goal at Providence Church is to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ through biblical worship and through a lifestyle of community to others. We consider it a privilege to make ourselves available to you and your family, and would appreciate the opportunity to get to know you better.

Perhaps you are new to the area and are searching for a church. Whether this is the case or whether you are simply visiting, we hope that it will not be your last time with us. Feel free to contact us at the church office (309-387-2600) if there is any way that we can be of service to you, or if you have questions that you would like answered about Providence Church or the Christian Faith.