

First Grapevine Methodist Church Christian Poem for April 2024

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Prelude

Ancient cultures were “oral cultures.” They depended on forms of speech that could be easily remembered and disseminated. Proverbs are powerful in conveying knowledge and wisdom in a common-sense fashion. They apply today.

Proverbs 1:7 The fear of God is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.

Tones for a New Tomorrow

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1. God made everything. In discernment the intellect is acceptable but the heart is most sensitive.
2. Praying for loved ones is not always easy. Praying for the enemy, this is most difficult.
3. God's way becomes clearer with the fewest words, like the proverbial forest when trees are taken away.
4. One expects worldly situations to be sufficiently understood using knowledge of the world. But all worldly expectations become irrelevant at some point.
5. Do not cling to another's success for your glory. In the end you will be left with misery and resentment.
6. As rain falls, plants revive with time. As tears fall, hearts respond likewise.
7. Love learned from others is limited by their experience. Ask more of yourself in loving and your experience will be different...greater.
8. If great loss is a water faucet turned off, letting go is one that will not stop dripping.
9. In life, beauty struggles with credibility; strength with sensitivity.
10. Seriousness and triviality; much of one and little of the other is the wrong recipe. The opposite also is true. Seek balance in life.
11. Always desire to see what God has for you. Have loved ones remind you of this when it is time.
12. When someone does not understand what you say, they may think you a fool or aloof. Either way, what they think of you is not the issue. What is, did you speak the truth?