"Open Your Mouth"

**Intro:** As we open to the pages of the final chapter of Proverbs let us be sure to give these ________ ___ ______our full attention for here again God speaks to us through printed page that we might grow in wisdom, that it would go well us as children adopted into the household of faith, and this to His glory.

I. It is of the wisdom of God that the wise ________ His ___________ ___ from one generation to the next.

A. The wisdom _______ grants from above is to be shared from generation to generation, instilled at an early age and _______________ throughout the age.

B. A wise parent realizes that their ________ is a ______ from God and to be brought up in the fear and admonition of the Lord. Such a ____________ _______ cries out to God for the right words to speak, and then opens their mouth crying out to their child that they should hear. And as Lemuel did, every wise ________ will _____________ as their parent trains them in the righteousness of Christ.

C. As it was wise for Lemuel to ________ away from any and everything that would destroy him as king, it is of divine wisdom that we turn away from any and everything that would destroy our soul, coming to __________ Christ instead for the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus ______________ our Lord.
D. The _______ people of God know that wisdom flees what strong drink fills. Let the church wisely heed the words spoken through the Apostle as recorded in Ephesians 5:15-18, “Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise, 16 making the most of your time, because the days are evil. 17 So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but _____ _______ _______ _______ ”.

E. Wisdom teaches us to employ all that ______ has _________ us to His glory – never in self-indulging excess but always as a ministry of _______ and mercy by faith in Christ.

F. From generation to generation the people of God are called to the ______ of God, that as those who are born of God they should live as children of God ministering the Word of God while doing work of Christ, caring for the poor souls of this world. We are called to shine forth the glory of God by _______ _______. To this we are called.

Closing: The ______ of all _______ has kindly visited us this morning through these wonderful words, instructing us in that righteousness which is fit for a king. As the King of kings indwells us, empowering us to be like Him, so are we to follow in His footsteps as is revealed in this text. This is wisdom: to know _______ and to follow after Him, opening our mouths proclaiming His glory to all the people from generation to generation. We are not our own but we are bought with a price – and to this our _______ calls us: “Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and _______ your _______ who is in heaven” (Matt 5:16).

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