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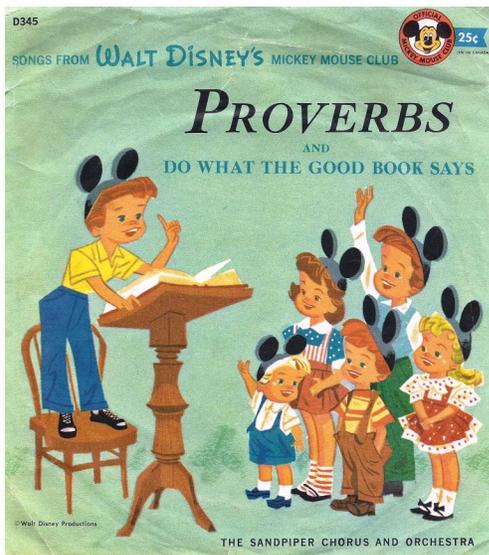
“But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called ‘today’” Hebrews 3:13

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“Proverbs, Proverbs...”

You men who are in my age range are familiar with the name Annette Funicello. That is, if you watched the *Mickey Mouse Club* TV show that began in 1955, shortly after Disneyland opened in Anaheim. Annette, who was 13 years old, was the virtual “heartthrob” for 9-13 year old boys everywhere. Some preferred Darlene or Cheryl, but Annette was definitely the favorite. She went on, in fact, to have a fairly successful acting and singing career. Later, battling MS, Disney published her autobiography, *A Dream Is a Wish Your Heart Makes*, in which she detailed her battle against MS and her relentless search for a cure. Like some ladies we know, people who knew her said she was always upbeat and optimistic.

I’m not writing this to talk about Annette or the *Mickey*



Mouse Club itself. But there was one feature of the show that demonstrates how far we have moved away from God in the last 60-plus years. There was a segment in almost every episode entitled “Proverbs” and Jimmie Dodd, the adult leader, sang the Introduction:

*Proverbs, proverbs, they're so true,
Proverbs tell us what to do...*

Then he would say, “Proverbs help us all to be better *Mouseketeers*.” In one episode, he said or sang:

*There's a proverb in the Bible
Wonderful and true, It says,
'Do not withhold good from them to whom its due.'*

*When it is within your power
To do it, can't you see
If we'd obey this proverb
What a better world it would be...*

The Mickey Mouse Club produced songs under a record label by that name. Two songs appeared on a 1956 album entitled “Proverbs” and “Do What the Good Book Says.” Can you believe that? It was almost a consensus in the 1950s, that following the Bible would make a better world.

Things have changed radically. In 2013, someone posted the following on Facebook: “Disney declares Biblical Proverbs to be ‘offensive’ and refuses to allow them on personal engraved tags from Disneyland.” I couldn’t tell if that was official Disneyland policy but I wouldn’t be surprised since the Disney Company has long since moved away from the values of its founder, Walt Disney.

Well, we’ll show them! :) For the foreseeable future, I’m going to use this space to quote and discuss a Proverb or two or three.

We’ll start with 1:1-7. This opening section of Proverbs describes the value of reading and applying them and an all-important principle that every Christian must embrace (v. 7).

The proverbs of Solomon, son of David, king of Israel:

To know wisdom and instruction,
to understand words of insight,
to receive instruction in wise dealing,
in righteousness, justice, and equity;
to give prudence to the simple,
knowledge and discretion to the youth—
Let the wise hear and increase in learning,
and the one who understands obtain guidance,
to understand a proverb and a saying,
the words of the wise and their riddles.

*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge;
fools despise wisdom and instruction.*

Not all of the Proverbs were written by Solomon but he wrote a large number of them (Ecclesiastes 12:9). Most of them are incredibly easy to understand and that reminds me of a comment attributed to Mark Twain: “*it’s not the things in the Bible that I don’t understand that bothers me; it’s the things I do understand.*”

I’m going to choose some proverbs from each chapter and try my best to apply them to our current day. I hope that you find this a useful tool to discuss with your family or simply for your personal edification. From day one, that’s been my only goal in producing the *Daily View*.

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