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## 24-1030 Wed. Class

### Musical Talent and Family Values: The Story of Young Violinist Karolina Protsenko

Transcript (0:04 - 26:12)

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**Teacher:** Mike Mathis

(0:04) Obviously, I'm not Tom. Tom's working, so I'm filling in for him. (0:15) I decided that for the next two nights, tonight and next Wednesday, (0:29) I'm going to be talking about two persons.

(0:38) Tonight, I'm going to talk about one from the musical world (0:46) and the other one, which will be next week, from the sports world. (0:53) I don't usually get into talking about any special musician or sports figure (1:05) because I'm not a sports fan, for one thing. (1:13) Everybody likes their music, their type of music, their singers, whoever they are.

(1:27) But tonight, the one that I am going to talk about is from the musical world (1:40) and the young person going to begin with her part (1:52) and then start before she is playing the violin out on the street. (2:10) We know that music is something that is soothing for a person (2:23) and they're in the mood for listening to it. (2:27) God has in mind for us to sing songs of praise and worship to him.

(2:41) And so, music has this ability for us to listen to, to get into and to like. (3:04) But, just like with all of us, there are those we like and there are those we don't like. (3:14) I'm going to begin with parents that live in Kiev, Ukraine.

(3:26) And their names is Nick and Ella Protsenko. (3:37) Protsenko. (3:42) This couple gave birth to a daughter in October of 2008.

(3:53) They named her Karolina. (3:56) And that name begins with a K. (4:01) Here is Saint Carol and instead of Carolina, they call her Karolina. (4:12) When Karolina was six years old, her parents moved to the U.S.A. (4:23) and now they're living in California.

(4:29) Karolina took an interest in playing the violin (4:34) and I would say that it is between six years of age and eight years old (4:47) when she is learning to play the violin. (4:55) At nine, her parents take her out to perform on the street. (5:04) And there is a spot that they call the Santa Monica Street (5:14) where she performs there regularly.

(5:24) Now, she was asked if she was out there every day. (5:31) And I think it's because her performances are on YouTube. (5:46) And you can see her every day.

(5:50) Seems like every day there is something new that she and her family are performing. (6:05) They ask her if she was there every day. (6:09) But she says, no, I'm not.

(6:12) She has her education to take care of and other things besides practicing on the violin. (6:28) Since arriving in this country, two boys were born into the family. (6:37) So they gave this Karolina two siblings.

(6:44) At this time, one is six and the other is three. (6:52) Her family is musical. (6:55) Her father plays the guitar.

(6:59) And there has been an occasion for Karolina (7:04) and he performed a song together. (7:12) And there are times mother plays the piano (7:17) and Karolina has been learning to play the piano. (7:23) But her instrument is the violin.

(7:29) And the siblings, the older at six years old, (7:35) is learning to play the piano. (7:41) The younger, at three years of age, sings. (7:47) He does a pretty good job at three years old, trying to sing.

(7:56) But I decided to talk about her (8:01) because when she plays, she can play that violin and make music. (8:11) She can play anything from classical music to popular songs. (8:20) This month, she turns 16 years of age.

(8:28) And at 15, which would be last year and part of this year, (8:39) until she became 16 this month, (8:48) she played with the symphony. (8:54) Now, some of these musicians in that symphony had sheet music that they went by. (9:13) But Karolina did not need any sheet music.

(9:20) She stood up there beside the conductor. (9:25) The conductor was there. (9:28) And she stood up there with confidence.

(9:33) She was asked before that if she was nervous. (9:37) She said no. (9:39) But I could see she was wiping sweat off her hands when she paused.

(9:46) And it was time for her to pause while the rest of them played. (9:53) But she stood there for 25 minutes, playing with the symphony. (10:01) Now, I know other young people.

(10:05) I saw one young man stand up with the symphony and play. (10:16) I don't know how old he was, but he played. (10:24) But for her to be so gifted with playing the violin and then joining the symphony, (10:35) standing up there and playing through, (10:40) she played with those professionals.

(10:44) Played like a professional. (10:46) And I know the one person in a separate video, which I didn't even go and review, (10:57) but he was arguing that Karolina was not a professional. (11:06) Well, nobody was saying she was.

(11:08) She was 15 years old. (11:11) But for one at 15 years of age to stand up there and play with them (11:20) and do so all the way through for 25 minutes, now that's something. (11:31) But now I'm going to make a biblical application to her and her family.

(11:47) I think her family does a good job with rearing her. (11:58) She's got two young brothers. (12:07) But, you know, we occasionally will like a person, a singer, (12:17) be it a singer and then in the sports world, we'll like them.

(12:25) We'll like the way they play. (12:27) They play real good. (12:32) But then there's occasions in their lives, their home life, that's not so good.

(12:42) They turn out not to be obedient to their parents. (12:50) They have trouble obeying their parents. (12:56) They get themselves into trouble with the law, get put in jail.

(13:05) They may sometimes get so depressed or whatever and take their own lives. (13:21) But with Carolina, at this age, at 16, they've shown some of her family life. (13:34) Some, you know, where she's at home, where she is reacting with her family.

(13:43) She is respectful and obedient to her parents, (13:52) which today is kind of a rarity when you see young people. (14:00) They have a problem with their parents. (14:06) As I say, they're not respectful to their parents.

(14:12) They're not respectful to their authority, the authority of the civil government, (14:23) and they have problems. (14:29) But she is respectful and to give you an example, (14:38) and this was once they were shown where they, at one Christmas, (14:50) they were, the children were receiving their gifts. (14:58) And I'm not sure whether the third one was born yet or not, (15:09) but I know the older one was there.

(15:15) And he had a toy truck that was motorized. (15:22) Carolina had that in her hand, and the wheels were rolling around, (15:30) and her hair got stuck on the axle of the, where the wheels were going around. (15:43) And her dad picked up a pair of scissors like he was going to cut her hair.

(15:53) And she was, no, no, no. (15:59) Well, he put the scissors down and got a screwdriver and took the wheels off. (16:06) And so that left the axle exposed, and therefore he untangled her hair from the axle.

(16:24) And after he did that, she thanked her dad and then went over and gave him a hug. (16:41) Now, that shows how respectful she is to him. (16:49) Now, Ephesians 6, 1 through 4, says, (16:57) Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

(17:03) Honor your father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise, (17:08) that it may be well with you, and you may live long on the earth. (17:15) And you fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, (17:20) but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord. (17:27) And in Colossians 3 and verse 20, says, (17:36) Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord.

(17:45) And in verse 21, fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. (17:56) Suppose our father just took the scissors, (18:01) just an easy way to get her hair away from the

wheels of the toy truck and just cut her hair. (18:14) I believe that would have made her angry at him.

(18:18) She would probably be angry at him to this day. (18:22) So we've got fathers being commanded not to provoke their children to wrath. (18:31) But he wasn't going to cut her hair.

(18:35) He knew what he was going to do, I suppose. (18:40) But he put the scissors down, and she certainly didn't want him to cut her hair. (18:52) And another thing about Carolina.

(18:57) This is in one of the... (19:00) She's younger, and she has one of her... (19:07) She has the one brother, and she's in there cooking and baking cookies. (19:25) And in Titus 2 and 3, Titus is being given instructions. (19:37) Beginning in verse 1, he says, (19:39) But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine, (19:45) that the older men be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in patience, (19:57) the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, (20:03) not slanders, not given to much wine, teachers of good things, (20:11) that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, (20:19) to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, (20:26) that the word of God may not be blasphemed.

(20:33) So far, it looks like Carolina is learning, too. (20:39) Take care of the house, at least in the cooking and the baking situation. (20:50) But anyway, it won't be too long that she'll probably be looking for someone that she might marry.

(21:07) And I suppose her parents are teaching her about who you know to choose, the responsibility. (21:22) There's a responsibility there. (21:26) Just as Titus has been instructed that they tell the older women to behave well, (21:39) that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, (21:46) to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, (21:53) that the word of God may not be blasphemed.

(22:00) Her music, I will say, is good music. (22:10) And it is really soothing to a lot of people when they listen to her. (22:19) In their comments, they speak about how well she's danced.

(22:27) But at the same time, I know that the future is uncertain. (22:34) We just don't know which way anyone will go. (22:41) We're certainly glad that this young lady is learning to make music (22:51) and even share music with other young people she's performed with.

(23:04) And they've been well. (23:09) But the one thing that is meaningful, she needs to still be the Carolina that she is now. (23:23) And if she does that, she'll really be good.

(23:30) I thought I would talk about this. (23:38) Next week, there will be another young lady. (23:46) But I just saw that it's on YouTube.

(23:51) And I will be discussing her. (23:56) And we'll be bringing out more biblical applications when I talk about her. (24:03) I'm not a sports buff, but yet I think there are some lessons that we can get from her as well.

(24:16) So, if there isn't any other comment, I will then close out in a word of prayer. (24:26) Father in heaven, we come before you now giving you thanks for this hour that we've spent in studying your Word. (24:37) We pray that what we have learned will be uplifting and edifying to everyone.

(24:50) We pray, oh Father, that we will learn to be obedient. (25:02) That children will be obedient to their parents. (25:06) That they will learn to be obedient not only to their parents, but also to authority even on the outside.

(25:17) Their teachers, their civil officials. (25:24) That they will learn to respect and honor them. (25:32) Father in heaven, we ask that you will be with those that are on our prayer list.

(25:41) That you will take care of each one in their needs. (25:48) And Father, we pray that you will go with us as we depart. (25:55) We pray, oh Father, that we will have another opportunity to gather together to worship you.

(26:08) This is our prayer and our thanks in the name of Christ our Redeemer. Amen.