

# PROVERBS

*The Way of Wisdom*

# Wise Or Fools



Categories in the Proverbs

# What is Wisdom?

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Wisdom is the right use of one's knowledge, insight and skill to the glory of God. It originates in the fear of the Lord (Proverbs 1:7, 9:10; Job 28:28; Psalm 111:10).



# Discourse of Wisdom in the Book of Proverbs

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- ☞ The Call of Wisdom (1:20-33, 8:1-11)
- ☞ The Value of Wisdom (2:1-9, 3:13-18, 8:32-36, 16:16, 24:13-14)
- ☞ The security of Wisdom (2:10-22, 3:21-26, 4:1-9)



“It is spiritual response for which this wisdom of God is pleading, a response which she has always sought and is but rarely able to secure. The tragedy is that our eternal welfare depends upon our hearing, and we have trained our ears not to hear.” ~A.W. Tozer, *The Pursuit of God*

# What is a Fool?



❧ A fool is the person who casts off the fear of God and thinks and acts as if he could safely disregard the eternal principles of God's righteousness (Psalm 14:1, 92:5-6; Proverbs 14:9)

# Characteristics of a fool

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- ☞ Trust in Himself (12:15, 28:26)
- ☞ Doesn't listen to instruction (1:7, 15:5, 23:9, 24:7, 10:21)
- ☞ Discipline doesn't phase them (12:1, 17:10, 16:22)



- ❧ Impulsive (14:29, 17:24, 29:11)
- ❧ Commits Evil (10:23, 13:19, 14:9)
- ❧ Virtually Unchangeable (27:22, 26:11)
- ❧ Talker rather than a listener (18:2, 18:13)



# Thoughts on Proverbs 1

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- ❧ Verses 1-7 is an introduction
- ❧ Verses 8-19 is a preventative discourse
- ❧ Verses 20-33 is a prescriptive discourse

# Wisdom vs. Folly

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- ☞ Verse 22: wisdom calls us three people
- ☞ Verse 23: wisdom corrects
- ☞ Verse 24: wisdom warns. She tells people what they need to hear not what they want to hear.



- ❧ Wickedness is a choice (v.24-25,29-30)
- ❧ Rejecting wisdom has consequences (v.26-29)

# Final Thought



Fools may have the greatest repository of knowledge but will never attain wisdom.