

## “Wisdom to Live By!”

### Part 5: “The Foolish vs. the Wise: What makes the difference?”



Proverbs 3:35, 10:14, 14:-9, 18:2,6-7,  
29:9,11; Psalm 14:1-3; Matthew 7:24-27;  
Luke 12:16-20

Introduction: “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the ROCK” (Matthew 7:24-27).

#### Proverbs 1:1-5:

If all you look at is what is right in front of you, you might come to the conclusion that many others do: There is no God !

#### Psalm 14:1-3

The problem is not with GOD! The problem is with people who do not know God and who are spiritually DEAD !!!

Jesus makes it clear that there are two sides, two roads, two paths, and that the wise are on one side and the fools are on the other.

*Only the wise will reap the benefits of hearing God’s commands and living a life of obedience for His glory!*

#### I. Telltale symptoms of fools ...

##### Proverbs 18:2:

One of the chief characteristics of a fool is believing that everything is a matter of opinion, that there is no truth.

##### II Timothy 3:7-8:

##### Proverbs 10:14:

Proverbs 18:6-7: “A fool’s mouth is his ruin, and his lips are a snare to his soul.”

##### Proverbs 29:11:

Because fools do not listen and do not have the Spirit of God, they are subject to deception, ultimately believing their own lies.

##### Luke 12:16-21:

Perhaps the easiest way to identify a fool is that they think little, if at all, about spiritual things.

##### Titus 3:3-9:

#### II. Salvation in Christ and the work of His Spirit makes the foolish wise!!

If you are truly a follower of Jesus Christ you have been SAVED ... there has been a change, a transformation from darkness to light, from foolishness to wisdom.

I Corinthians 1:18-31: “For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men” (vs. 25).

##### Proverbs 14:7-9:

Where there is no humility, no desire for repentance and an attitude of self-satisfaction, there is no spiritual life in Christ.

SALVATION means new life in Christ, and that new life will show !

#### III. The ways of the wise who live in Christ!

##### Proverbs 10:14:

The wise listen to instruction, desiring to gain knowledge, especially from God’s Word.

##### Proverbs 29:9:

While the fool offers only his opinions, WE are sent into the world to preach Christ as Lord and to point people to HIM!

##### II Timothy 2:22-26:

In order to speak wisdom you need to be learning what God says in His Word and praying for discernment so that you can detect Satan’s lies, no matter who is speaking them.

##### II Timothy 3:12-17:

Those who are wise know we need teaching and reproof and correction and training in righteousness.

##### Proverbs 3:35: