

Proverbs

Chapter 18 – Contrast of the Wise and the Foolish

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References: Proverbs 18:1-24

Instructions: For each question, select one of the verses cited and be prepared to answer the question and provide a real-life example.

- 1) **Wisdom – Positive Principals:** What lesson should we take from these proverbs? Give a real-life example. *Prov 18:10, 16, 17, 18*

 - 2) **Wisdom - Foolish Principals:** What lesson should we take from these proverbs? Give a real-life example. *Prov 18:3, 5, 8, 13, 19*

 - 3) **Wise People:** What lesson should we take from these proverbs? Give a real-life example. *Prov 18:15, 20, 21, 22*

 - 4) **Foolish People:** What lesson should we take from these proverbs? Give a real life example. *Prov 18:1, 2, 6, 7, 9, 11*

 - 5) **Wisdom and Foolishness Contrasted:** What lesson should we take from these proverbs? Give a Real-life example. *Prov 18:4, 12, 14, 23, 24*
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Wisdom - Positive Principals

- 10 The **name of the LORD** is a fortified tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.
- 16 A **gift opens the way** and ushers the giver into the presence of the great.
- 17 In a lawsuit **the first to speak** seems right, until someone comes forward and cross-examines.
- 18 **Casting the lot** settles disputes and keeps strong opponents apart.

Wisdom - Foolish Principals

- 3 When **wickedness** comes, so does contempt, and with shame comes reproach.
- 5 It is not good to be **partial to the wicked** and so deprive the innocent of justice.
- 8 The **words of a gossip** are like choice morsels; they go down to the inmost parts.
- 13 To **answer before listening**— that is folly and shame.
- 19 A **brother wronged** is more unyielding than a fortified city; disputes are like the barred gates of a citadel.

Wise People

- 15 The **heart of the discerning** acquires knowledge, for the ears of the wise seek it out.
- 20 From **the fruit of their mouth** a person's stomach is filled; with the harvest of their lips they are satisfied.
- 21 The **tongue** has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.
- 22 **He who finds a wife** finds what is good and receives favor from the LORD.

Foolish People

- 1 An **unfriendly person** pursues selfish ends and against all sound judgment starts quarrels.
- 2 **Fools** find no pleasure in understanding but delight in airing their own opinions.
- 6 The **lips of fools** bring them strife, and their mouths invite a beating.
- 7 The **mouths of fools** are their undoing, and their lips are a snare to their very lives.
- 9 One who is **slack in his work** is brother to one who destroys.
- 11 The **wealth of the rich** is their fortified city; they imagine it a wall too high to scale.

Wisdom and Foolishness Contrasted

- 4 The **words of the mouth** are deep waters, but the **fountain of wisdom** is a rushing stream.
 - 12 Before a downfall the **heart is haughty**, but **humility** comes before honor.
 - 14 The **human spirit** can endure in sickness, but a **crushed spirit** who can bear?
 - 23 **The poor** plead for mercy, but the rich **answer harshly**.
 - 24 One who has **unreliable friends** soon comes to ruin, but there is a **friend** who sticks closer than a brother.
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