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Forever, LORD, Your word stands in heaven. Your faithfulness *continues* throughout generations; You established the earth, and it stands. They stand this day by Your ordinances, For all things are Your servants.



(Ps 119:89-91)

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**If Your Law had not been my delight, Then I would have perished in my misery.**

**I will never forget Your precepts, For by them You have revived me. I am Yours, save me; For I have sought Your precepts.**



**(Ps 119:92-94)**

The wicked wait for me to destroy me; I will diligently consider Your testimonies. I have seen a limit to all perfection; Your commandment is exceedingly broad.



(Ps 119:95-96)



*introduction*

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**Wise:** wise-hearted... one who is experienced in life.

**Teaching:** *“the law of the wise”*

**Snare:** The proper understanding of this Hebrew word is the lure or bait placed in a hunter's trap.

*1Pe 5:8*

## The Bait

**1Jn 2:16** For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world



***Understanding and obeying God's word will keep one away from many things that trap and destroy, both spiritually and materially.***

***"This book will keep you from sin and sin will keep you from this book."***

**Wise: wise-hearted...** one who is experienced in life with applying scriptural truth to life's situations and circumstances...

**Walks with the wise:** befriends, fellowships with, hangs with, follows, admires, interacts.

**Ps 119:63. I am a companion to all those who fear You, And to those who keep Your precepts**

*The wise person is a friend to anyone who fears God — anyone who obeys His commandments.*

**Fool: A stupid or silly person characterized by:**

**Laziness: Ecc 4:5**

**Arrogant: Ecc 4:13**

**Clueless: Ecc 2:14-16**

**Mouthy: Ecc 5:1**

*It is taken for granted that the companion of fools is also a fool and will remain rooted in their folly.*

**1Co 15:33** Do not be deceived: “Bad company corrupts good morals”

**Wise Woman:** wise-hearted... one who is experienced in life and directs her life by the counsel of God's word

**Builds her house...** She makes it a place of refuge where a person feels safe and accepted; where there are shared interests. She builds with an emotional connection and gives others a sense of belonging.

*Bottom Line: Wisdom Builds*

***Foolish woman:***

***Quarrelsome: Pro 19:13***

***Contentious: Pro 21:9***

***Irritating: 21:19***

*“It would have been a sad result if this had been done by an enemy. But it is the doing, or rather undoing, of her own hands.”*

## *The Sensible*

**Prudent:** one who is disciplined in the use of wise and careful foresight... they think things through first and put it through the filter of God's precepts and principles.



## *The Folly of Fools*

***Self-Deception:*** the action or practice of allowing oneself to believe that a false or unvalidated feeling, idea, or situation is true.

## *Turning Away from Evil*

The **wise** appreciate **evil** for what it is and keeps themselves far from it.

-OTOH-

The **fool rages** with uncontrolled temper and outbursts.

## *The Crown of the Wise*

One of the ways **riches** come is through wisdom and hard work.

-OTOH-

For those who reject wisdom (**hard work**) the only crown they get for their foolishness is more **folly**.

## *The Heart of the Wise*

What we are is eventually evident in what we do.



**Pro 14:33**

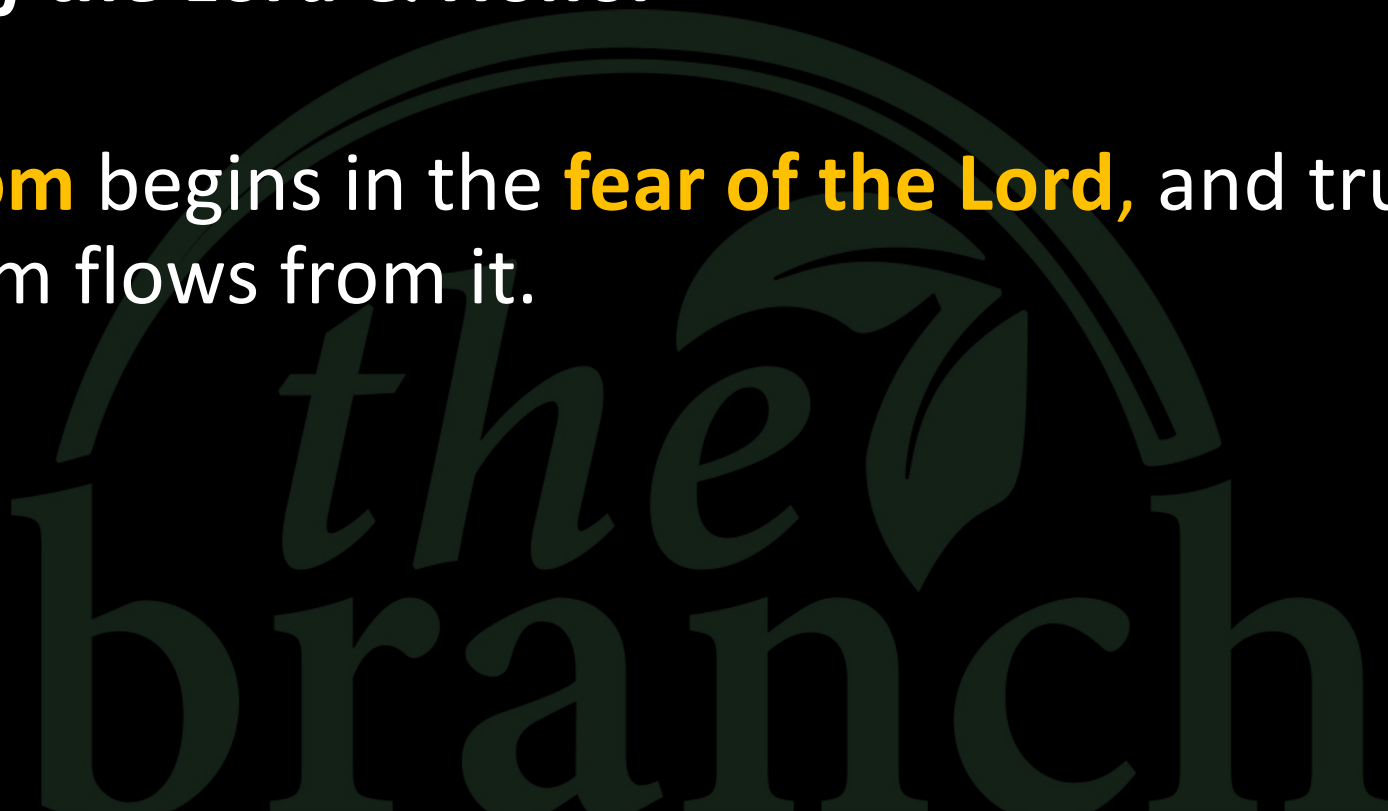
## *The Wise Son vs. Foolish Son*

The Wise Son makes glad / The foolish son brings disgrace

*“Tragically the person who needs their instruction, out of his exaggerated opinion of his self-importance, feels that he is better than his godly parents and so is intractable and incorrigible.” (Waltke)*

## *Fear of the Lord & Honor*

**Wisdom** begins in the **fear of the Lord**, and true wisdom flows from it.



## ***Fear of the Lord & Honor***

Honor flows from humility.

**2Co 12:9-10**

*“Paradoxically, the one who grants himself no glory before the glorious God in the end is crowned with the glory and wealth that give him social esteem.” (Waltke)*

## *Wisdom & Understanding*

**Pro 17:24 Anyone with wisdom knows what makes good sense. (CEV)**

The sense seems to be that the wise see things through the lens of their wisdom – which is given by God and gained through experience...

Their wisdom makes everything else clearer and able to be understood.



## *Wisdom & Understanding*

The fool has their eyes everywhere (the ends of the earth) except where they should be. (Luke 12:18-21)

*“Our enemy’s great object is to turn the mind away from what is immediate to what is indefinite, from what is plain and important to what is unsearchable, from what is personal to what is irrelevant. Many trifles take the place of the one thing that is needful.” (Bridges)*

## *Wisdom & the Bubbling Brook*

We reveal the depths of our heart by the words of our mouth.

**Mat 15:18** “But the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart...”

**Col 4:6** Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone.



*Words, Deeds & Destiny*

Proverbs 12:1-15

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