

## 42. PROVERBS 14 – CONTRASTS BETWEEN THE WISE AND FOOLISH.

**How they live. Proverbs 14:1–10**

### 1. Building vs Destroying.

<sup>1</sup> Every wise woman buildeth her house: But the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.

- Her role and responsibilities.

**Titus 2:4–5** That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, <sup>5</sup> *To be* discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

Compare **Proverbs 31**.

- A building woman must be a \_\_\_\_\_ woman.

**Proverbs 24:3** Through wisdom is an house builded; And by understanding it is established:

The husbands role and responsibilities are clear. Eph 5:21-33; 1 Peter 3:1-7; etc.

**1 Timothy 5:8** But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.

**FOOLISH:** Parents that \_\_\_\_\_ their spouses to their children sow death in them.

- Pay attention to her hands.

Bride of Christ! Don't forget that our role is one of building the house. **Eph 4:11-16**

### 2. Fearing vs Scorning.

<sup>2</sup> He that walketh in his uprightness feareth the Lord: But *he that is* perverse in his ways despiseth him.

- How do the upright walk? We've already seen, \_\_\_\_\_.

**Proverbs 1:7** The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: But fools despise wisdom and instruction.

**Proverbs 9:10** The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: And the knowledge of the holy *is* understanding.

The wise see God for WHO His is, and hear His Word for WHAT and ALL that it is = changed life.

**1 John 1:6** If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

<sup>3</sup> In the mouth of the foolish *is* a rod of pride: But the lips of the wise shall preserve them.

Perverse (pride) trashes others. vs Preserved (fear) Vs 1.

**Job 41:34** He beholdeth all high *things*: he *is* a king over all the children of pride.

- **Example:** Nabal - **1 Samuel 25:2–17**

### 3. Industrious vs Lazy.

<sup>4</sup> Where no oxen *are*, the crib *is* clean: But much increase *is* by the strength of the ox.

- **KEY:** Any worthy industry or pursuit comes with some \_\_\_\_\_ that must be \_\_\_\_\_

“There is no milk without some manure.” - Charles Ryrie

- Ministers: be \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 Corinthians 9:9–14** For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen? <sup>10</sup> Or saith he *it* altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, *this* is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope. <sup>11</sup> If we have sown unto you spiritual things, *is it* a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things? <sup>12</sup> If others be partakers of *this* power over you, *are* not we rather?

Nevertheless we have not used this power; but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ.

<sup>13</sup> Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live *of the things* of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? <sup>14</sup> Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.

#### 4. Faithful vs False.

<sup>5</sup> A faithful witness will not lie: But a false witness will utter lies.

**Proverbs 6:19** A false witness *that* speaketh lies, And he that soweth discord among brethren.

**Proverbs 12:17** *He that* speaketh truth sheweth forth righteousness: But a false witness deceit.

- Some *can*, and some *cannot* be \_\_\_\_\_.
- Nothing is worse than someone willing to lie for supposed \_\_\_\_\_.

**Exodus 23:1** Thou shalt not raise a false report: put not thine hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness.

**Matthew 5:37** But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.

**James 5:12** But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and *your* nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation.

- A faithful witness tells the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth so help him God.

**Acts 20:26–28** Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I *am* pure from the blood of all *men*. <sup>27</sup> For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God. <sup>28</sup> Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

#### 5. Understanding vs Clueless.

<sup>6</sup> A scorner seeketh wisdom, and *findeth it* not: But knowledge is easy unto him that understandeth.

- Why not? The scorner looks in the \_\_\_\_\_ places!
- **KEY: Knowledge is easy. How?**

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Wisdom is given only to those who have a relationship with God, those who live in willing obedience to Him.

**Revelation 3:7–8** And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; <sup>8</sup> I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

#### 6. Learning vs Deceived.

<sup>7</sup> Go from the presence of a foolish man, When thou perceivest not *in him* the lips of knowledge.

- You can't \_\_\_\_\_ anything from a foolish man!

**Proverbs 13:20** He that walketh with wise *men* shall be wise: But a companion of fools shall be destroyed.

<sup>8</sup> The wisdom of the prudent *is* to understand his way: But the folly of fools *is* deceit.

- **Let's live informed!**

**James 1:22–24** But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. <sup>23</sup> For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: <sup>24</sup> For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

<sup>9</sup> Fools make a mock at sin: But among the righteous *there is* favour.

- People mock at what they don't understand. They are fools. Foolishness will come to NOTHING!

**1 Corinthians 1:18–24** For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. <sup>20</sup> Where *is* the wise? where *is* the scribe? where *is* the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? <sup>21</sup> For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. <sup>22</sup> For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: <sup>23</sup> But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; <sup>24</sup> But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

*Contrast favor!*

**Romans 5:8–10** But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. <sup>10</sup> For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

**1 John 1:9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

<sup>10</sup> The heart knoweth his own bitterness; And a stranger doth not intermeddle with his joy.

- A respect of needed privacy.  
However, we are to be used to comfort.

**2 Corinthians 1:4** Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

- **KEY:** Someone would have to be \_\_\_\_\_ them to understand the hurt and what is really at issue.  
The believer has an advantage here!

**Hebrews 4:14–16** Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* profession. <sup>15</sup> For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as *we are*, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

**Ephesians 3:17** That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,  
**Romans 8:9–11** But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. <sup>10</sup> And if Christ *be* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin; but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

**John 16:7** Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

He's the friend that sticketh closer than a brother! **Proverbs 18:24**