

43. PROVERBS 14 – CONTRASTS BETWEEN THE WISE AND FOOLISH. CONT.

How they prepare. Proverbs 14:11–15

1. Ruin vs Return

¹¹ The house of the wicked shall be overthrown: But the tabernacle of the upright shall flourish.

- _____.

2 Corinthians 5:1 For we know that if our earthly house of *this* tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

- And _____.
How are you living your life as you “tabernacle?”

Abraham dwelt in tents – he _____.

Hebrews 11:9–10 By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as *in* a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: ¹⁰ For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker *is* God.

Abraham never set down roots. He passed through this world. *What about you?*

Galatians 3:29 And if ye *be* Christ’s, then are ye Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Romans 4:13–16 For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, *was* not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if they which are of the law *be* heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect: ¹⁵ Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, *there is* no transgression. ¹⁶ Therefore *it is* of faith, that *it might be* by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,

2 Corinthians 5:17–21 Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. ¹⁸ And all things *are* of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. ²⁰ Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech *you* by us: we pray *you* in Christ’s stead, be ye reconciled to God. ²¹ For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

- This is ultimately fulfilled for _____ in Christ.

John 14:2–3 In my Father’s house are many mansions: if *it were* not *so*, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also.

- This is ultimately fulfilled for the _____ in Jesus ruling on David’s throne.

Acts 15:15–17 And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written, ¹⁶ After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up: ¹⁷ That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.

2. Destructive assessment.

¹² There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, But the end thereof *are* the ways of death.

- False religion.

Typical education in our fallen world: Ever learning, never getting to the truth!

Romans 1:20–23 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: ²¹ Because that, when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. ²² Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, ²³ And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

2 Timothy 3:7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

- Fast times. (worldly living – produces death) Ex: Prodigal son.
- You can test what is right by the fruit / _____.

Jude 12 These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots;

What seems _____ to the natural man is the way to _____.

Matthew 7:13–15 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide *is* the gate, and broad *is* the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: ¹⁴ Because strait *is* the gate, and narrow *is* the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. ¹⁵ Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

There is only one way.

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

John 16:7–9 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. ⁸ And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: ⁹ Of sin, because they believe not on me;

3. Covering up hurt.

¹³ Even in laughter the heart is sorrowful; And the end of that mirth *is* heaviness.

- People have times of heaviness!

Ecclesiastes 3:1–8 To every *thing there is* a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: ² A time to be born, and a time to die; A time to plant, and a time to pluck up *that which is* planted; ³ A time to kill, and a time to heal; A time to break down, and a time to build up; ⁴ A time to weep, and a time to laugh; A time to mourn, and a time to dance; ⁵ A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; ⁶ A time to get, and a time to lose; A time to keep, and a time to cast away; ⁷ A time to rend, and a time to sew; A time to keep silence, and a time to speak; ⁸ A time to love, and a time to hate; A time of war, and a time of peace.

- Hello! Sorrow follows goodness.

Luke 6:25–26 Woe unto you that are full! for ye shall hunger. Woe unto you that laugh now! for ye shall mourn and weep. ²⁶ Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets.

- KEY: Know, laughter does _____.

Proverbs 17:22 A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: But a broken spirit drieth the bones.

- Ultimately, we find our help and healing in God.

Psalms 30:5 For his anger *endureth but* a moment; in his favour *is* life: Weeping may endure for a night, but joy *cometh* in the morning.

4. Backslider vs Satisfier

¹⁴ The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways: And a good man *shall be satisfied* from himself.

- The backslider _____ God. **Example: Jonah.** Ran from God's commission.

If you don't follow God, you'll follow the _____.

Romans 8:1–9 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. ³ For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: ⁴ That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. ⁵ For they

that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For to be carnally minded *is* death; but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace. ⁷ Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. ⁸ So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ 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.

- His own ways. They are seen in the _____ of the flesh.

Galatians 5:19–21 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these*; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, ²⁰ Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, ²¹ Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told *you* in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Beware! That is what you reap.

Galatians 6:7–8 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. ⁸ For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

Proverbs 1:31 Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, And be filled with their own devices.

Proverbs 12:14 A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of *his* mouth: And the recompence of a man's hands shall be rendered unto him.

What do you love?

Revelation 2:4–5 Nevertheless I have *somewhat* against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. ⁵ Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

5. Dupe vs Diligent

¹⁵ The simple believeth every word: But the prudent *man* looketh well to his going.

- Dupes, suckers – they'll believe _____.
- Solution. Be prudent – have a plan moving forward. Believe God over the words of man.
We need the Eph 4 ministry of God's Word in our lives. *Why?*

Ephesians 4:14 That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

2 Timothy 2:1–2 Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. ² And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

2 Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.