

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

How they view the Lord. Proverbs 14:16–27

1. Fear vs Rage

¹⁶ A wise *man* feareth, and departeth from evil: But the fool rageth, and is confident.

- One, the wise, knows that the wages of sin is _____ (Rom 3:23), so he departs from evil.

Proverbs 3:7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: Fear the Lord, and depart from evil.

Proverbs 16:6 By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: And by the fear of the Lord *men* depart from evil.

- The other, the fool, knows he is right in his evil path!

Proverbs 30:20 Such *is* the way of an adulterous woman; She eateth, and wipeth her mouth, And saith, I have done no wickedness.

Proverbs 6:27 Can a man take fire in his bosom, And his clothes not be burned?

Job 28:28 And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that *is* wisdom; And to depart from evil *is* understanding.

Philippians 3:3 For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.

2. Angry and Wicked

¹⁷ *He that is* soon angry dealeth foolishly: And a man of wicked devices is hated.

Proverbs 14:29 *He that is* slow to wrath *is* of great understanding: But *he that is* hasty of spirit exalteth folly.

- **Danger:** You can't _____ properly when you are angry.

Ecclesiastes 7:9 Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools.

Ephesians 4:26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:

Worse the man making messes on purpose is _____. He is a _____ perpetrator. **Example: Satan.**

2 Corinthians 2:10–11 To whom ye forgive any thing, I *forgive* also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave *it*, for your sakes *forgave I it* in the person of Christ; ¹¹ Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

3. Simple vs Prudent

¹⁸ The simple **inherit** folly: But the prudent are **crowned** with knowledge.

- The simple will not "*inherit the kingdom of God.*" They can't even see it. **John 3:3-6**
- But the prudent see it (Knowledge!) and work to further it! And so, they will also be crowned at the JSoC. *What are you heir to today?* **Romans 8:14-18**

1 Corinthians 6:9–11 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, ¹⁰ Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

1 Corinthians 15:50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

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.

Ephesians 5:1–7 Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; ² And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour. ³ But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; ⁴ Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. ⁵ For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. ⁶ Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. ⁷ Be not ye therefore partakers with them.

- **Parents:** raise _____ (not simple!) children. Training them up in the way they should go (**Proverbs 22:6**) is the best inheritance you can give to your children!

Proverbs 13:22 A good *man* leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner *is* laid up for the just.

4. Evil vs Good

¹⁹ The evil bow before the good; And the wicked at the gates of the righteous.

- Good and righteousness triumph! _____ that.

Examples:

- **Joseph's** brothers bow – as well as all of Egypt.

Genesis 42:6 And Joseph *was* the governor over the land, *and* he *it was* that sold to all the people of the land: and Joseph's brethren came, and bowed down themselves before him *with* their faces to the earth.

Genesis 41:43 And he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried before him, Bow the knee: and he made him *ruler* over all the land of Egypt.

- Shimei bows before **David**. **1 Samuel 19:16-23**

Esther 7:7–8 And the king arising from the banquet of wine in his wrath *went* into the palace garden: and Haman stood up to make request for his life to Esther the queen; for he saw that there was evil determined against him by the king. ⁸ Then the king returned out of the palace garden into the place of the banquet of wine; and Haman was fallen upon the bed whereon Esther *was*. Then said the king, Will he force the queen also before me in the house? As the word went out of the king's mouth, they covered Haman's face.

- **Lazarus** bowed before the rich man in this life. They were reversed after! **Luke 16:19-26**

- **Paul** from beaten to begged.

Acts 16:35–40 And when it was day, the magistrates sent the serjeants, saying, Let those men go. ³⁶ And the keeper of the prison told this saying to Paul, The magistrates have sent to let you go: now therefore depart, and go in peace. ³⁷ But Paul said unto them, They have beaten us openly uncondemned, being Romans, and have cast *us* into prison; and now do they thrust us out privily? nay verily; but let them come themselves and fetch us out. ³⁸ And the serjeants told these words unto the magistrates: and they feared, when they heard that they were Romans. ³⁹ And they came and besought them, and brought *them* out, and desired *them* to depart out of the city. ⁴⁰ And they went out of the prison, and entered into *the house of* Lydia: and when they had seen the brethren, they comforted them, and departed.

When **Christ** returns, ALL will bow!

Philippians 2:10–11 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth; ¹¹ And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Proverbs 11:29 He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind: And the fool *shall be* servant to the wise of heart.

Proverbs 17:2 A wise servant shall have rule over a son that causeth shame, And shall have part of the inheritance among the brethren.

5. Poor vs Rich

²⁰ The poor is hated even of his own neighbour: But the rich *hath* many friends.

- Biblically, the term 'hated' here is not one of _____, but of _____.
(Luke 14:26)
- Why the poor rejected?
- Conversely those with plenty have many that want to be part of their life.

Proverbs 19:7 All the brethren of the poor do hate him: How much more do his friends go far from him? He pursueth *them with words, yet they are wanting to him.*

Proverbs 19:4 Wealth maketh many friends; But the poor is separated from his neighbour

²¹ He that despiseth his neighbour sinneth: But he that hath mercy on the poor, happy *is* he.

- The poor need help. When you help people, you are blessed.

Proverbs 19:17 He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; And that which he hath given will he pay him again.

Proverbs 31:9 Open thy mouth, judge righteously, And plead the cause of the poor and needy.

Proverbs 22:2 The rich and poor meet together: The Lord *is* the maker of them all.

Proverbs 14:31 He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his Maker: But he that honoureth him hath mercy on the poor.

God made us male and female. Not rich and poor!

6. What they devise: Evil vs Good

²² Do they not err that devise evil? But mercy and truth *shall be* to them that devise good.

- Devise = _____.

Romans 12:19–21 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but *rather* give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance *is* mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. ²⁰ Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. ²¹ Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

Proverbs 28:8 He that by usury and unjust gain increaseth his substance, He shall gather it for him that will pity the poor.

Plot good! Plot out your work to do good.

- **Examples: Saul** 1 Sam 18:17 vs **David** 2 Sam 9

1 Samuel 18:17 And Saul said to David, Behold my elder daughter Merab, her will I give thee to wife: only be thou valiant for me, and fight the LORD'S battles. For Saul said, Let not mine hand be upon him, but let the hand of the Philistines be upon him.

2 Samuel 9:1 And David said, Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may shew him kindness for Jonathan's sake?

7. Worker vs talker

²³ In all labour there is profit: But the talk of the lips *tendeth* only to penury.

- Shut up and work.
Penury = lack, poverty.

Genesis 3:19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou *art*, and unto dust shalt thou return.

2 Thessalonians 3:10 For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.

2 Thessalonians 3:12 Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.

- Whining does not _____ the _____.

8. Wise vs Fools

²⁴ The crown of the wise *is* their riches: *But* the foolishness of fools *is* folly.

- Saving and investing is better than spending everything on what you want.

Proverbs 21:20 *There is* treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; *But* a foolish man spendeth it up.

9. Witness vs Liar

²⁵ A true witness delivereth souls: *But* a deceitful *witness* speaketh lies.

- How? He _____ them!

Proverbs 11:30 The fruit of the righteous *is* a tree of life; and he that winneth souls *is* wise.

1 Corinthians 9:22 To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all *men*, that I might by all means save some.

- A true witness:

James 5:20 Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

Vs: a lie.

- The Root that all lies come from is found in _____.

John 8:44 Ye are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

God hates it. (**Proverbs 16:16-19**)

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

Proverbs 25:18 A man that beareth false witness against his neighbour *is* a maul, and a sword, and a sharp arrow.

- Further contrasts.

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

Proverbs 14:5 A faithful witness will not lie: *But* a false witness will utter lies.

Proverbs 19:5 A false witness shall not be unpunished, And *he that* speaketh lies shall not escape.

Proverbs 19:9 A false witness shall not be unpunished, And *he that* speaketh lies shall perish.

10. Refuge from Death: the fear of the LORD.

²⁶ In the fear of the Lord *is* strong confidence: And his children shall have a place of refuge.

²⁷ The fear of the Lord *is* a fountain of life, To depart from the snares of death.

- **Remember:** the fear of the Lord results in taking Him at _____.

When we are in fear of the Lord, we can direct others. Our children know that Lord is a refuge!

Psalms 94:22 *But* the LORD is my defence; and my God *is* the rock of my refuge.

- There is an incredible protection and blessing in that. God is _____ for His own.

Luke 1:50 And his mercy *is* on them that fear him From generation to generation.

1 Samuel 12:14 If ye will fear the Lord, and serve him, and obey his voice, and not rebel against the commandment of the Lord, then shall both ye and also the king that reigneth over you continue following the Lord your God:

Psalms 31:19 *Oh* how great *is* thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; *Which* thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee Before the sons of men!

Proverbs 19:23 The fear of the Lord *tendeth* to life: And *he that hath it* shall abide satisfied; He shall not be visited with evil.

Isaiah 33:6 And wisdom and knowledge shall be The stability of thy times, *and* strength of salvation: The fear of the Lord *is* his treasure.

- **John 4:14** – Fountains of water!

When that fountain is now on the inside – part of who you are – you depart the snares of death.