

## 48. PROVERBS 15 – CONTRASTS BETWEEN THE WISE AND FOOLISH.

### Their Actions and Outcomes. Proverbs 15:18-29

How they act and the *consequential* results of their actions.

#### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ management.

<sup>18</sup> A wrathful man stirreth up strife: But *he that is slow to anger* appeaseth strife.

**Proverbs 15:1** A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.

*The motivation for conflict.*

**Proverbs 26:21** As coals *are* to burning coals, and wood to fire; So *is a contentious man* to kindle strife.

**Proverbs 28:25** He that is of a proud heart stirreth up strife: But he that putteth his trust in the Lord shall be made fat.

**Proverbs 29:22** An angry man stirreth up strife, And a furious man aboundeth in transgression.

- **Problem:** You can pour \_\_\_\_\_ on a relational fire. **Example:** Nabal. **1 Samuel 25**
- **Solution:** You can \_\_\_\_\_ conflict by how you speak.

**1 Samuel 25:23–24** And when Abigail saw David, she hasted, and lighted off the ass, and fell before David on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, <sup>24</sup> And fell at his feet, and said, Upon me, my lord, *upon me let this iniquity be:* and let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak in thine audience, and hear the words of thine handmaid.

**James 1:19** Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:

**Proverbs 25:15** By long forbearing is a prince persuaded, And a soft tongue breaketh the bone.

**Example:** Abraham

**Genesis 13:8–9** And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we *be* brethren. <sup>9</sup> *Is not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left.*

- **Beware** – Sometimes those who are pursuing righteousness are viewed as the troublemakers by the actual troublemakers!  
**Examples:** Ahab's view of Elijah: 1 Kings 18:17; the religious leaders view of the apostles: Acts 5:28; 16:20
- **Beware** – Some people come off as righteous and reasonable but are anything but.

**Matthew 7:15–16** Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. <sup>16</sup> Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

#### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ vs Freedom.

<sup>19</sup> The way of the slothful *man is* as an hedge of thorns: But the way of the righteous *is* made plain.

**Proverbs 6:6** Go to the ant, thou sluggard; Consider her ways, and be wise:

**Proverbs 6:9** How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? When wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?

**Proverbs 13:4** The soul of the sluggard desireth, and *hath* nothing: But the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.

**Proverbs 22:13** The slothful *man* saith, *There is a lion without, I shall be slain in the streets.* (26:13)  
*Here his sloth has caught up to him and is now destroying him.*

- The sluggard gets nowhere in life because of the obstacles his laziness has allowed to grow.

**Example:** you must exercise in order to have the health benefits that you need in life.

**1 Timothy 4:8** For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

“I cant.” vs “I don’t want to.”

Children do what they want to. Adults do what they must.

**1 Corinthians 13:11** When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

- Slothful vs **righteous** (industrious.)

Smart hard work produces a roadmap for and increased opportunities in life.

**Psalms 5:8** Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; Make thy way straight before my face.

**Proverbs 16:17** The highway of the upright *is* to depart from evil: He that keepeth his way preserveth his soul.

**Proverbs 3:6** In all thy ways acknowledge him, And he shall direct thy paths.

**Proverbs 4:26** Ponder the path of thy feet, And let all thy ways be established.

**Isaiah 57:14** And shall say, Cast ye up, cast ye up, prepare the way, Take up the stumblingblock out of the way of my people.

### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ Relationships.

<sup>20</sup> A wise son maketh a glad father: But a foolish man despiseth his mother.

- Parents want to be \_\_\_\_\_ of their kids.

**Proverbs 10:1** The proverbs of Solomon. A wise son maketh a glad father: But a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother.

**Proverbs 23:16** Yea, my reins shall rejoice, when thy lips speak right things.

**Proverbs 23:22–25** Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old. <sup>23</sup>

Buy the truth, and sell *it* not; *also* wisdom, and instruction, and understanding. <sup>24</sup> The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begetteth a wise *child* shall have joy of him. <sup>25</sup> Thy father and thy mother shall be glad, and she that bare thee shall rejoice.

**Example:** David

**1 Kings 1:48** And also thus said the king, Blessed *be* the Lord God of Israel, which hath given *one* to sit on my throne this day, mine eyes even seeing *it*.

**Example:** Discipler

**Philippians 2:22** But ye know the proof of him, that, as a son with the father, he hath served with me in the gospel.

**3 John 4** I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

- Foolish living breaks your parents’ hearts.

**Proverbs 17:21** He that begetteth a fool *doeth it* to his sorrow: And the father of a fool hath no joy.

**Proverbs 17:25** A foolish son *is* a grief to his father, And bitterness to her that bare him.

- Failed kids typically \_\_\_\_\_ their parents.

**Proverbs 19:26** He that wasteth *his* father, *and* chaseth away *his* mother, *is* a son that causeth shame, and bringeth reproach.

**Proverbs 30:11** *There is* a generation *that* curseth their father, And doth not bless their mother.

- Failed kids will blame their parents. Sometimes rightly so.

**Deuteronomy 5:9** Thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me,

**BEWARE!**

**Proverbs 28:24** Whoso robbeth his father or his mother, And saith, *It is* no transgression; The same *is* the companion of a destroyer.

**Proverbs 20:20** Whoso curseth his father or his mother, His lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness.

**Proverbs 30:17** The eye *that* mocketh at *his* father, And despiseth to obey *his* mother, The ravens of the valley shall pick it out, And the young eagles shall eat it.

- Repentance is always the solution! **Luke 15:11-12** That made his father glad!

**Proverbs 23:22** Harken unto thy father that begat thee, And despise not thy mother when she is old.

**Exodus 20:12** Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

#### 4. \_\_\_\_\_ in Life.

<sup>21</sup> Folly *is* joy to *him that is* destitute of wisdom: But a man of understanding walketh uprightly.

- Wise people (of understanding) live what is right.

**Galatians 5:16** This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

Walk in the Word. **Eph 5:17-20** vs **Col 3:16-17**

**Ephesians 5:15** See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,

**James 3:13** Who *is* a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.

- Stupid people (destitute of wisdom) think wasting their life (folly) is good (joy.)

**Proverbs 26:19** So is the man that deceiveth his neighbour, And saith, Am not I in sport?

**Proverbs 14:9** Fools make a mock at sin: But among the righteous *there is* favour.

**Proverbs 10:23** *It is* as sport to a fool to do mischief: But a man of understanding hath wisdom.

**Example:** the opportunity to live the party life = destitution, disease and depression result!

**Proverbs 6:32** *But* whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: He *that* doeth it destroyeth his own soul.

\_\_\_\_\_ decisions sound \_\_\_\_\_ when a person doesn't have wisdom!

**Example:** Rehoboam! **1 Kings 12**

Beware! He listened to ignorant pride filled young people rather than the older and wiser counselors who know the people and what would happen as a result of the king's decisions.

See? You could waste your life doing that you think is good and productive. You could be wrong!

You cant know everything you need to know. You have to get input from wise, proven people.

**Proverbs 11:14** Where no counsel *is*, the people fall: But in the multitude of counsellors *there is* safety.

- Valuing \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>22</sup> Without counsel purposes are disappointed: But in the multitude of counsellors they are established.

**Proverbs 13:10** Only by pride cometh contention: But with the well advised *is* wisdom.

**Proverbs 19:21** *There are* many devices in a man's heart; Nevertheless the counsel of the Lord, that shall stand.

**Proverbs 24:6** For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war: And in multitude of counsellors *there is* safety.

No counsel, no clarity.

Much counsel, your purposes and stablished.

**Proverbs 12:11** He that tilleth his land shall be satisfied with bread: But he that followeth vain *persons is* void of understanding.

#### 5. Saying the \_\_\_\_\_ at the \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>23</sup> A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: And a word *spoken* in due season, how good *is it!*

**Proverbs 25:11** A word fitly spoken *is like* apples of gold in pictures of silver.

- Knowing \_\_\_\_\_ to say and \_\_\_\_\_ to say it is needed.

**Example:** Joseph. **Genesis 41** (Pharoah was troubled over a dream. Joe had a word from the Lord.)

- **Example:** Paul.

**Acts 24:10** Then Paul, after that the governor had beckoned unto him to speak, answered, Forasmuch as I know that thou hast been of many years a judge unto this nation, I do the more cheerfully answer for myself:

**Acts 26:1–2** Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Thou art permitted to speak for thyself. Then Paul stretched forth the hand, and answered for himself: <sup>2</sup> I think myself happy, king Agrippa, because I shall answer for myself this day before thee touching all the things whereof I am accused of the Jews:

**Ephesians 6:18–20** Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; <sup>19</sup> And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

- **Example:** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ephesians 4:29** Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.