

Shade Tree Wisdom:

"Living In Wisdom In A World Of Fools"

Prov. 13:16-20

I. The _____: The wise think before they act; the fool _____ himself by opening his mouth.

_____ means "moral discretion"

- Are your decisions being driven by truth or impulse?
- Do you make rules or declarations out of frustration and panic?

II. The _____: A faithful messenger _____; a _____ tongue wounds.

Our words need to do _____ but they don't always _____ good to the hearer.

- How thoughtful are you in your correction? In your confrontation? In your discipline with your children?

III. _____: The one who rejects _____ digs his own grave; the one who _____ correction rises to honor.

_____ in this text is because you neglect certain _____. Shame in this text is because you _____ certain vices.

Our spiritual ceiling is directly tied to your ability to welcome/receive _____.

IV. _____: The wise delight in _____; the _____ delights in their sin.

Fools see holiness as _____ the wise see holiness as _____.

V. _____: Walk with the wise and you will _____; walk with fools and you will _____.

A person who is morally excellent:

Must be a person of the _____

Must be faithful to its _____

Must be _____: The motivation for this is that we know we are hopeless without Christ.

Must be willing to sacrifice _____ you have to.

Must be willing to put people around us to help us _____

That fact is a wise person isn't _____ but they are _____ towards God.

Questions to ponder:

- **Do you think before acting?**
- **Do your words heal or harm?**
- **Are you correctable or resistant?**
- **Do you love righteousness or excuse your sin?**
- **Do you see your friends live wisely for foolishly?**

Proverbs 13:16–20

[16] Every prudent man acts with knowledge, but a fool flaunts his folly.

[17] A wicked messenger falls into trouble, but a faithful envoy brings healing.

[18] Poverty and disgrace come to him who ignores instruction, but whoever heeds reproof is honored.

[19] A desire fulfilled is sweet to the soul, but to turn away from evil is an abomination to fools.

[20] Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.

Romans 12:2

[2] Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Proverbs 29:18

[18] Where there is no prophetic vision the people cast off restraint, but blessed is he who keeps the law.

Proverbs 14:15

[15] The simple believes everything, but the prudent gives thought to his steps.

Proverbs 18:2

[2] A fool takes no pleasure in understanding, but only in expressing his opinion.

Proverbs 30:6

[6] Do not add to his words, lest he rebuke you and you be found a liar.

Proverbs 12:18

[18] There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

Psalms 141:5

[5] Let a righteous man strike me—it is a kindness; let him rebuke me—it is oil for my head; let my head not refuse it. Yet my prayer is continually against their evil deeds.

Proverbs 15:32

[32] Whoever ignores instruction despises himself, but he who listens to reproof gains intelligence.

Philippians 4:4–13

[4] Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. [5] Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; [6] do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. [7] And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

[8] Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. [9] What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

[10] I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. [11] Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned, in whatever situation I am, to be content. [12] I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. [13] I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Psalm 1:1–3

[1] Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; [2] but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

[3] He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

Proverbs 15:17

[17] Better is a dinner of herbs where love is than a fattened ox and hatred with it.

1 Corinthians 15:33

[33] Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.”

Psalm 119:63

[63] I am a companion of all who fear you, of those who keep your precepts.