

OVERCOMING FOLLY

Sermon Series : Overcome

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Overcoming folly pertains to believers (Eph 5:15-17)

Overcoming folly begins with self-examination (Lam 3:40)

3 Primary forms of folly:

Simple & Naive (

- Pv 14:15; 22:3; 1:32; 9:6; etc.
- Gullible, undiscerning, immature & impulsive
- “I got this” (even when they don’t)
- Often related to sexual sin

Wicket & Unrighteous

- Ps 1:1-6; Pv 29:8; 21:24; etc.
- Trouble-making, instigating & provoking
- “I enjoy this” (even when they know it’s evil)
- Often involves feeding on hate & religion

Stupid & Stubborn

- Pv 12:15; 14:16; 21:24; 12:23; 15:2; 18:2; etc.
- Pride & arrogance (aka “Know-it-all”)
- “I want this” (even when they know it’s wrong)
- Often involves self-aggrandizing; godlessness, corruption & sinful behavior; impulsivity & addiction;

Other forms include other major character flaws

- Gossip & Slanderer - Pv 10:18
- Malcontent - Pv 17:24
- Explosive & Angry - Pv 29:11
- Wiseinowneysis - Pv 26:6

All forms of folly boil down to this: Distrust God & trust in self.

Wisdom is the way out of all forms of folly - Pv 28:26

Wisdom begins with trusting God - Pv 9:10-12

Wisdom resides in God’s Word - Pv 19:7; 119:130

Wisdom involves devoted pursuit - Pv 15:14; 2:1-6

Wisdom requires heeding rebuke & correction - Pv 1:22-23, 32; 17:10

Wisdom is gained by listening to advice & following instructions - Pv 12:15; 19:20; Mt 7:26-27

Wisdom means enduring Godly discipline - Pv 22:15; Hb 12:11

Wisdom involves taking an inventory - Eph 5:1-20;

[Application: Read Eph 5:1-20 and take inventory of your life]

QUESTIONS

1. Which of the “forms of foolishness” are you most at risk of committing?
2. How do we grow in wisdom?
3. Read Eph 5:1-20.
 - a. Is your life aligned with this passage?
 - b. Is all of it applicable today?
 - c. What do you need to do differently moving forward?
 - d. How can this group support you in this?