



Foolish or Wise?

Proverbs 1:20-33

How life works....

Wisdom is always available.

Wisdom is often rejected.

Wisdom cannot undo what folly has done.

Test for a fool

- Is always right.
- Is arrogant and argumentative.
- Lacks control of self and temper.

Test for a wise person

- Sees life as a lab for truth.
- Accepts correction and rebuke.
- Characterized by integrity and calm.

Application:

- 1) Everybody plays the fool, sometimes.
- 2) Play with fools and become one.
- 3) Find true wisdom in God's foolishness.

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REALife Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or REALife Group.

- 1) Take a moment to understand the availability of wisdom. See Proverbs 1:20-33; 8:1-36; and 9:1-6. Compare this to James 1:5. What conclusions can you draw about wisdom's availability?
- 2) When you think about "the fool," what comes to mind? Do you know people who consistently play the fool? What does this look like?
- 3) When you think about "the wise," what comes to mind? Define true wisdom from the things we have learned in Proverbs.
- 4) How would you rate yourself on the scale of teachability, with one being totally convinced you are right and ten being totally open to evaluate and learn?



Memory Verse

"The way of a fool seems right to him, but a wise man listens to advice."

Proverbs 12:15