



SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Series: Word To The Wise

Wisdom and Folly

Prov 1:20-32, ESV

Recap the Highlights:

Wisdom is skill for living God's way in God's world.

- There is a God and it's not us.
- As the Creator, God gets to decide how His world works.

Wisdom begins with the fear of the Lord

- Living with an awareness and awe of who God is and ordering your life accordingly.

Our hearts are wicked.

- We naturally tend towards folly.

Wisdom is the fruit of humility; Folly is the fruit of pride.

- Proverbs 11:2 "When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom."

Folly is the state of living as though God does not exist.

- Psalms 14:1 The fool says in his heart there is no God.
 - *(Believing God exists and living as though He does is not the same thing.)*

Folly is the only alternative to wisdom.

- Proverbs 1:28-29, Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord,

Folly is inevitable.

Isaiah 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way;
Romans 3:10 "There is no one righteous, not even one"

The danger of pride is that we hold it imperceptively.

Humility is the fear of the Lord - Proverbs 22:4



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- Functional def - Seeing yourself as you really are and responding to other people and circumstances from that reality.
- All pride is a distortion of reality.

Pride makes it impossible to see God accurately because it says "I am God."

"In God you come against something which is in every respect immeasurably superior to yourself. Unless you know God as that—and, therefore, know yourself as nothing in comparison—you do not know God at all. As long as you are proud you cannot know God. **A proud man is always looking down on things and people; and, of course, as long as you are looking down, you cannot see something that is above you.**

That raises a terrible question. How is it that people who are quite obviously eaten up with Pride can say they believe in God and appear to themselves very religious? I am afraid it means they are worshiping an imaginary God."

" CS Lewis

We need a reality check.

Now Dig Deeper:

1. *Wisdom begins with the fear of the Lord. Has there been a time in your life that you realized that you could only get through the situation by trusting God?*
2. *Have you ever experienced a situation that your pride prevented you from fully surrendering and trusting God's plan first?*
3. *If wisdom is the fruit of humility can you share someone that you know that lives out this truth? Do you know someone that exemplifies humility?*

Respond & Pray:

Pastor Phil closed by talking about The Grace Test:

- Can I freely and expediently offer grace to others in any circumstance. With no qualifications and no expectations.

Pray this prayer throughout the week:

God, show me a clearer vision of who you are so that I can see myself for who I really am and respond to others from the reality of the grace that I have received.