



24 "Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. 25 Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock. 26 But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn't obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. 27 When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash." Matthew 7:24-28

Wise decisions determine the **strength** and **span** of your life.

13 Happy is anyone who becomes wise—who comes to have understanding. ...16 Wisdom offers you long life, as well as wealth and honor. Proverbs 13:13,16

Spend time with the wise and you will become wise, but the friends of fools will suffer. Proverbs 13:20

How to Fool-proof your life:

- Recognize and avoid **foolish people**.

"Stay away from a fool, for you will not find knowledge on their lips." Proverbs 14:7
...bad company corrupts good character. 1 Corinthians 15:33

Action Step:

Audit your **inner circle** honestly.

- Recognize and remove foolish **behavior**.

Listen! Wisdom is calling out... 22 "Foolish people! How long do you want to be foolish? How long will you enjoy making fun of knowledge? Will you never learn? 23 Listen when I reprimand you; I will give you good advice and share my knowledge with you. Proverbs 1:20-23

Action Step:

Identify and change the behavior that keeps **sabotaging** you.

...make no provision for [nor even think about gratifying] the flesh in regard to its improper desires. Romans 13:14

- Recognize and hang with **wise people**.

Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm. Proverbs 13:20

Action Step:

Intentionally pursue relationships that **sharpen** you spiritually.

How to recognize the wise:

- Fools **consult** with God while the wise **surrender** to God.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Fools despise wisdom and instruction. Proverbs 1:7
5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. 6 Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. Proverbs 3:5-6

Action Step:

Put God's word above your **feelings**.

- Fools don't listen to others while wise people are **teachable**.

Fools think their own way is right, but the wise listen to others. Proverbs 12:15

Action Step:

Invite honest **feedback** from a mature believer.

- Fools flirt with **danger**, and are proud of it while wise people **avoid danger**.

The wise see danger ahead and avoid it, but fools keep going and get into trouble. Proverbs 27:12

Action Step:

Choose long-term **peace** over short-term **pleasure**.

- Fools give full vent to their **anger** while wise people **control** their anger.

Fools vent their anger, but the wise quietly hold it back. Proverbs 29:11

Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry... James 1:19-20

Action Step:

Choose to not get so **offended**.

- Fools don't take responsibility for their **actions** while wise people **learn** from their mistakes.

People ruin their lives by their own foolishness and then are angry at the Lord. Proverbs 19:3

Do not correct those who make fun of wisdom, or they will hate you. But correct the wise, and they will love you. 9 Teach the wise, and they will become even wiser; teach good people, and they will learn even more. Proverbs 9:8-9

Action Step:

Let failure **teach** you instead of define you.



TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain.
- What does it mean to build your life on the "rock" instead of the "sand"?
- What is one wise decision that helped your life in a positive way?
- How have the people around you influenced your choices or your faith?
- Are there any unhealthy friendships or influences you need to create distance from?
- What foolish behavior or habit do you need to remove from your life right now?
- Why do you think it's hard for people to change unhealthy patterns?
- Who is a wise person in your life that helps you grow spiritually?
- What does it look like to put God's Word above your feelings?
- How do you usually respond when someone corrects you or gives you advice?
- Why do people sometimes choose short-term pleasure over long-term peace?
- What usually causes you to become angry or offended quickly?
- What is one mistake from your past that God used to teach you something important?

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