
Two Ways to Live: Am I Wise or am I a Fool?

1. The Wise Embrace Humility: Fools walk in pride

- The LORD tears down the proud: & protects the humble (v25)

- See & embrace the humility of Christ: & walk as Jesus did (Php 2:5ff; 1Jn 2:6)

2. The Wise Embrace a Righteous Heart: Fools embrace the way of the wicked

- Are my thoughts wicked or are my words pure? (v26)

- Am I greedy or do I live justly? (v27)

- Am I reflectively-slow to speak or quick to sin with my mouth? (v28)

- Is the LORD far from me or does He hear my prayers? (v29)

3. The Wise Love & Heed Wisdom: Fools despise it & themselves

- Do I rejoice in God's word & does it refresh me? (v30)

- Do I listen to life-giving reproof or do I despise myself? (vs31-32)

4. The Wise Fear the LORD: Fools do not & will suffer accordingly

- Fear the LORD by seeking & obeying Wisdom's instruction (v33)

- The LORD blesses the humble: (3:34; 11:2; 15:33; 18:12; 22:4)
so choose humility & reject the self-destructive path of prideful fools