

1. _____

PSALM 111:10

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.

2. _____ Life

PROVERBS 10:27

The fear of the Lord prolongeth days: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.

3. Godly _____

4. _____ Sensitivity

PROVERBS 15:16

Better is little with the fear of the Lord than great treasure and trouble therewith.

5. _____

PROVERBS 15:33; 22:4

³³ *The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility.* ⁴ *By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, and honour, and life.*

6. Eternal _____

ECCLESIASTES 3:11

He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end.

7. _____ Success

PROVERBS 2:20 - 21

²⁰ *That thou mayest walk in the way of good men, and keep the paths of the righteous.* ²¹ *For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it.*

CONCLUSION: _____



TODAY'S LESSON:
WISDOM AND FOOLISHNESS

INTRODUCTION: _____

WISDOM VS. FOOLISHNESS

1. THE SCRIPTURAL UNDERSTANDING

A. The Definition of Foolishness

PSALM 14:1

The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.

B. The Definition of Wisdom

PROVERBS 9:10

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.

2. THE SINCERE PURSUITS

A. The Desires of Foolishness

PSALM 14:1

The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.

1. Pleasure

ECCLESIASTES 2:1, 10

¹ *I said in mine heart, Go to now, I will prove thee with mirth, therefore enjoy pleasure: and, behold, this also is vanity.*¹⁰ *And whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them, I withheld not my heart from any joy; for my heart rejoiced in all my labour: and this was my portion of all my labour.*

ECCLESIASTES 2:2, 7:3, 6

² *I said of laughter, It is mad: and of mirth, What doeth it?* ³ *Sorrow is better than laughter: for by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made better.* ⁶ *For as the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of the fool: this also is vanity.*

2. Substances

ECCLESIASTES 2:3

I sought in mine heart to give myself unto wine, yet acquainting mine heart with wisdom; and to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was that good for the sons of men, which they should do under the heaven all the days of their life.

3. Sensuality

ECCLESIASTES 2:8

I gathered me also silver and gold, and the peculiar treasure of kings and of the provinces: I gat me men singers and women singers, and the delights of the sons of men, as musical instruments, and that of all sorts.

ECCLESIASTES 2:10 -11

¹⁰ *And whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them, I withheld not my heart from any joy; for my heart rejoiced in all my labour: and this was my portion of all my labour.* ¹¹ *Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to*

do: and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun.

4. Success

ECCLESIASTES 2:4 -6

⁴ *I made me great works; I builded me houses; I planted me vineyards: ⁵ I made me gardens and orchards, and I planted trees in them of all kind of fruits: ⁶ I made me pools of water, to water therewith the wood that bringeth forth trees:*

ECCLESIASTES 5:10 -11

¹⁰ *He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase: this is also vanity.* ¹¹ *When goods increase, they are increased that eat them: and what good is there to the owners thereof, saving the beholding of them with their eyes?*

1 TIMOTHY 6:17 -18

¹⁷ *Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; ¹⁸ That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;*

5. Education

ECCLESIASTES 1:13

And I gave my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all things that are done under heaven: this sore travail hath God given to the sons of man to be exercised therewith.

B. The _____ of Wisdom

3. THE SURE _____

A. The _____ of Foolishness

ROMANS 1:28

And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

B. The _____ of Wisdom