

WISDOM

CHEAT SHEETS

Today's selection from the Book of Proverbs explores the theme of the wise and foolish. I want you to notice the different pairs used by Proverbs.

Righteous or wicked?

Proverbs 12 V10 The righteous care for the needs of their animals, but the kindest acts of the wicked are cruel.

Proverbs 15 V9 The Lord detests the way of the wicked, but he loves those who pursue righteousness.

Proverbs 16 V31 Gray hair is a crown of splendor; it is attained in the way of righteousness.

Proverbs 18 V10 The name of the Lord is a fortified tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.

Proverbs 29 V2 When the righteous thrive, the people rejoice; when the wicked rule, the people groan.

Wise or Fool?

Proverbs 12 V16 Fools show their annoyance at once, but the prudent overlook an insult.

Proverbs 18 V2 Fools find no pleasure in understanding, but delight in airing their own opinions.

Proverbs 18 V15 The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge, for the ears of the wise seek it out.

Proverbs 29 V11 Fools give full vent to their rage, but the wise bring calm in the end.

Good or Evil?

Proverbs 11 V27 Whoever seeks good finds favor, but evil comes to one who searches for it.

Proverbs 12 V2 Good people obtain favor from the Lord, but he condemns those who devise wicked schemes.

Proverbs 14 V22 Do not those who plot evil go astray? But those who plan what is good find love and faithfulness.

Proverbs 26 V23 Like a coating of silver dross on earthenware are fervent lips with an evil heart.

Crooked or upright?

Proverbs 21 V8 The way of the guilty is devious, but the conduct of the innocent is upright.

Proverbs 28 V6 Better the poor whose walk is blameless than the rich whose ways are perverse.⁴

Proverbs 29 V10 The bloodthirsty hate a person of integrity and seek to kill the upright.

Simple or Prudent?

Proverbs 14 V18 The simple inherit folly, but the prudent are crowned with knowledge.

Proverbs 27 V12 The prudent see danger and take refuge, but the simple keep going and pay the penalty.

Fear of the Lord!

Proverbs 14 V26 & 27 Whoever fears the Lord has a secure fortress, and for their children it will be a refuge.

Proverbs 16 V6 Through love and faithfulness sin is atoned for; through the fear of the Lord evil is avoided.

Proverbs 19 V23 The fear of the Lord leads to life; then one rests content, untouched by trouble.

Proverbs 29 V25 Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe.