

## Wisdom Is Humble

## Proverbs 14

1. HUMBLE WISDOM: We must be humble in order to \_\_\_\_\_ wisdom; more than that, because we can never claim to have “arrived,” we must \_\_\_\_\_ humble even as we \_\_\_\_\_ in wisdom.

a. We must be humble because we are \_\_\_\_\_.

Fools mock at the guilt offering,  
but the upright enjoy acceptance. (14:9)

b. We must be humble because we do not have \_\_\_\_\_.

There is a way that seems right to a man,  
but its end is the way to death. (14:12)

2. GENEROSITY: The wise person is eager to bless others by generously \_\_\_\_\_.

a. While Proverbs has been clear that there is a connection between work and prosperity, it has also been clear that poverty often results from \_\_\_\_\_ and that the poor deserve \_\_\_\_\_.

Whoever despises his neighbor is a sinner,  
but blessed is he who is generous to the poor. (14:21)

b. Our care for others is motivated by their dignity and value as \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker,  
but he who is generous to the needy honors him. (14:31)

3. EMBRACING MESSINESS: Good work is often \_\_\_\_\_; the person who is obsessed with everything being \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ will never know the benefits of that work.

Where there are no oxen, the manger is clean,  
but abundant crops come by the strength of the ox.

a. Life in the real world requires being able to \_\_\_\_\_ tolerate a certain kind of messiness. Only God's \_\_\_\_\_ – specifically justification by \_\_\_\_\_ – makes this possible.

b. There is a way of refusing to \_\_\_\_\_ that is simply pride. We should seek wisdom \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, confident in our status as his adopted children in Christ.