

The Main Personalities of Proverbs

Remember...

2. Wisdom's plea for the simple one's heart (Proverbs 1:20-33)

20 Wisdom crieth (**shout; cry out**) without; she uttereth her voice in the streets:

21 She (**Wisdom**) crieth in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates: in the city she (**Wisdom**) uttereth her words, saying,

Purpose of Proverbs (Proverbs 1:2-6)

2 To know WISDOM and instruction (**chastisement**); to perceive (**separate mentally; understand**) the words of understanding;

3 To receive the instruction (**chastisement**) of wisdom, justice (**right**), and judgment (**verdict**), and equity (**evenness**);

4 To give subtilty (**prudence; W1828 - wisdom applied to practice**) to the SIMPLE, to the young man (**boy**) knowledge (**cunning; W1828 - skillful, experienced well instructed**) and discretion (**a plan**).

*The Wise man defined

5 A WISE MAN will hear, and will increase (**to add**) learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:

6 To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings.

- Personality #1 Wiseman = does what is **right**
 - Character - doing **right** by **reflex**
- Personality #2 Prudent = **wisdom applied to practice**
- Personality #3 Simple = Blank slate

III. The Alternative Choice

22 How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorners (**scoff at**) delight in their scorning (**derision; making fun of**), and fools (**stupid or silly**) hate knowledge?

- Personality #4 - Scorer - one who **mocks**
- Personality #5 - the Fool - **stupid or silly** (one who chooses **wrong by reflex**)

A. The Fool

Psalms 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*.

Psalms 53:1 The fool hath said in his heart, *There is no God*. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: *there is none that doeth good*.

DON'T CHOOSE FOOLISHNESS

B. The Warning - Listen to me - Danger is coming

23 Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.

1. I warned you...

24 Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded;

2. But you've ignored me

25 But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof:

3. I am even letting you know I'm gonna mock you if you don't listen

26 I also will laugh(mockery) at your calamity; I will mock(speak in imitation) when your fear(sudden alarm) cometh;

4. When you finally hit rock bottom

27 When your fear cometh as desolation(tempest; storm), and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you.

5. It Could be too Late

28 Then shall they call upon me, BUT I will not answer; they shall seek me early, BUT they shall not find me:

C. The Fool's Logic

29 For that they(the fool) hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear(moral reverence) of the LORD:

30 They would none of my counsel: they despised(scorned) all my reproof.

D. The Fool's Destiny

31 Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.

32 For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.

33 But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.