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Title: The Difference Between a Wise Man & a Foolish Man Part 2

Text: Matthew 7:24-29

### **So What Does It Mean to be Wise?**

The wise person is the one who knows right from wrong, but chooses to do what's right. However, choosing to do what's right in every situation is unnatural for us. Our nature is bent on doing what's wrong. Our hearts are proud and deceitful. That means we need guidance and instruction, but most importantly, we need to fear and acknowledge God as the One who knows all things and whose divine wisdom is available to us through His word.

### **A Wise Person Places Their Faith in God**

**Proverbs 9:10** - "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Wisdom starts when we acknowledge God and surrender to His will.

### **A Wise Person Applies God's Word to Their Lives**

**Matthew 7:24-26** - <sup>24</sup>"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup>The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. <sup>26</sup>But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand.

### **A Wise Person Walks with the Wise and Becomes Wise**

**Proverbs 13:20** - He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm.

When you surround yourself with others who are wise, you also become wise. Wise friends desire the best for you. They care more about you as a friend than they care for the friendship. Wise friends are willing to speak the truth in love to you even if it means making the friendship uncomfortable for a while.

### **A Wise Person Listens to Advice**

**Proverbs 12:15** - The way of a fool seems right to him, but a wise man listens to advice.

### **A Wise Person Prays for More Wisdom**

**James 1:5** - If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.

## **A Wise Person Prospers in Everything He or She Does**

His house stood firm

**Psalm 1:1-3** - Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. <sup>2</sup>But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. <sup>3</sup>He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.