**Proverbs – The Way of Wisdom August 22, 2021**

**Message: Fool Proofing My Life**

**How to fool proof my life:**

Proverbs 1:20-23; 14:7 & 13:20

* Recognize and remove foolish behavior.
* Recognize and hang around wise people.

**How to recognize a fool:**

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| **The Fool** | **The Wise** | **Proverbs** |
| ... consults with God. | ... fear God. | 1:7 & 3:5-6 |
| ... is never wrong. | ... are teachable. | 12:1, 15; 17:10; 18:2; 26:4-5 & 28:26 |
| ... flirts with danger and is proud of it. | ... avoid danger. | 22:5 & 27:12 |
| ... give full vent to their anger. | ... control their anger. | 14:16; 22:24 & 29:11 |
| ... never take responsibility. | ... learn from their mistakes. | 14:9 & 19:2-3 |

**My Response.**

Respect all, love all, live wise. Show them Jesus.

Let my dominate relationship be Jesus.

*It is wise to avoid foolish influences an remove the folly from within.   
To clearly recognize the difference between wisdom and folly, read through Proverbs 13 and 14 then write down the contrasting responses to the following life situations:*

**Response to work (13:4 & 14:23)**

How does the foolish person respond to work?

How does the wise person respond to work?

**Response to authority (13:13)**

How does the foolish person respond to authority?

How does the wise person respond to authority?

**Response to discipline (13:18)**

How does the foolish person respond to discipline?

How does the wise person respond to discipline?

**Response to sin (14:9)**

How does the foolish person respond to sin?

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**Response to a father’s advice (13:1)**

How does the foolish person respond to their father’s advice?

How does the wise person respond to their father’s advice?

**Choice of friends (13:20)**

How does the foolish person choose their friends?

How does the wise person choose their friends?

**Family relationships (14:1)**

How does the foolish person treat family relationships?

How does the wise person treat family relationships?

**Results of their lifestyle (14:14)**

Where will a foolish lifestyle lead?

Where will a wise lifestyle lead?

**Are there any responses you want to work on in the next few weeks?**