

sermon notes

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Nov 3, 2024 | “Wisdom is as Wisdom does” | **Proverbs 27:1–28**

- 1) The wisdom of _____ (27:1–2)
- 2) The wisdom of _____ (27:3–4)
- 3) The wisdom of _____ (27:5–10)
- 4) The wisdom of _____ (27:11–22)
- 5) The wisdom of _____ (27:23–27)

Questions for further application of God’s Word:

GO DEEPER

Compare and contrast Proverbs 26 and 27. How is foolishness described in chapter 26? How is wisdom described in chapter 27? How is wisdom linked to the Lord in the book of Proverbs as a whole?

The title of this sermon is “Wisdom is as Wisdom does.” When you read Proverbs 27 (and the rest of Proverbs), how is wisdom linked to action? Do you think of wisdom as primarily a matter of the mind? Or is it a matter of the heart and the will? How does wisdom relate to our actions?

GET PERSONAL

Solomon says in Proverbs 27:17, “Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.” Who are the people in your life that sharpen you? How does that “sharpening” take place? Do you project humility and teachability when confronted, or pride and defensiveness? Do you have friends and family members that challenge you or warn you when you are doing something dangerous or sinful? If not, why not?

Read Proverbs 27:23–27. Consider the worldly assets that God has entrusted to you. Are you stewarding them well? Are you building up your assets without indulging in frivolous materialism? How would you survive a difficult period of joblessness or financial insecurity?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Solomon says in 27:5, “Better is open rebuke than hidden love.” Are there people in your life that you have failed to express your love to? Friends? Family? Children? Parents? Take a moment this week to write, text, or call them and express your love for them.

Solomon also says in 27:6, “Faithful are the wounds of a friend; profuse are the kisses of an enemy.” Ask a few trusted friends to be perfectly honest with you about your strengths and weaknesses. Enter into a mutually beneficial relationship with those individuals where you keep each other accountable. Express your willingness to challenge and be challenged by them.

ADVANCED QUESTION

Proverbs 27:22 suggests that folly cannot be removed from a fool. But other Proverbs suggest that a fool can be corrected or even taught. How do we put these disparate proverbs together? Can a fool learn through pain? Can a fool become a wise person? If so, how? What role can we play in the process of trying to instruct or help foolish people to put away their foolishness?