

Don't Be a Fool
Text: Proverbs 10:13-32

Introduction

Solomon began this chapter with an admonition concerning the contrast of children. He states again the two classes of people in this world...*The Wise and the Fool*. Chapter 10 refers to the fool 7 times.

Obviously, Solomon is truly to warn his son not to be a fool. The first twelve verses of the chapter revealed five practical points of instruction that warned about being a fool. In the remainder of the chapter, several more practical principles are stated that, if learned and applied, will keep a man out of the "fool" territory.

I. The Empty _____ of a Fool (vv. 13-22).

LIFE PRINCIPLE #25 = _____

A. An open mouth reveals an _____ head (v.13; cf. Pro. 10:19; 17:27-28).

1. Understanding is accompanied by _____ (v.13a).

2. Foolishness is accompanied by _____ (v.13b).

B. A fool's mouth finds _____ every time (vv. 14-17).

1. The trouble with a fool is that fools find _____ (v.14).

2. The trouble with a fool is that fools have no _____ ethic (vv. 15-16).

—The wise have less financial troubles (v.15), because the wise know how to _____ (v.16).

3. The trouble with a fool is that fools will not _____ (v.17).

C. A fool's mouth offers nothing _____ (vv. 18-22).

1. The _____ mouth of the fool (vv. 18-19).

2. The _____ mouth of the wise (vv. 20-22).

LIFE PRINCIPLE #26: _____ (v. 22).

II. The Empty _____ of a Fool (vv. 23-32).

A. His _____ (vv. 23-25).

1. Always _____ (i.e., clowning, v.23).

LIFE PRINCIPLE #27: _____

2. Always _____ (v.24).

- Lives by the “_____” principle.
3. Always _____ (v.25; cf. 28:1).
- B. His _____ (v.26).
1. Laziness is _____.
 2. A fool is not _____.
- C. His _____ (vv. 27-32). —*The fool's life & the wise life are...*
1. A contrasting of _____ (vv. 27-31).
 2. A contrasting of _____ (v.32).