

The Foolish and the Lazy pt. 2

Proverbs 26

“A proverb in the mouth of a fool is like a stick with thorns, brandished by the hand of a drunkard.” -Proverbs 26:9

What are some effects of being a drunkard?

*Mental Health (Memory _____ or blackouts, Mood swings, Poor decision m_____)

*Physical Health (L_____ damage, H_____ problems, Digestive issues, Weakened immune system)

*Long Term (Brain shrinkage, Addiction)

*Social & L_____ (Relationship strain, Work & legal issues, Financial stress)

“Going sober doesn’t make you boring, being hungover all day does.”

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6 The one who sends a message by a fool’s hand cuts off his own feet and drinks violence.

What is the task presented in this text?

*Delivering a _____!

In King Solomon’s day they didn’t have email, text, or telephone. Therefore, one of the best ways to communicate was to hire someone to deliver a message. However not all assigned messengers were equally reliable.

Fool: Stupid, silly, one who lacks wisdom and rejects the fear of the Lord.

Notice the impact of hiring a fool to deliver a message:

➤ Cuts off his own _____ and drinks _____.

*Unable to move/ineffective

*Invites d_____ on himself

“Efficiency is doing things right; effectiveness is doing the right things.”

What would a fool most likely have a problem with while delivering a message?

*D_____! Proverbs 4:25-27

What are some distractions that may keep you from delivering God's Word?

*Mental & E_____ Distractions (Overthinking, Fear of failure, Perfectionism)

*Digital Distractions (Social M_____, Notifications, Streaming)

*Environmental & S_____ Distractions (Unstructured surrounding, Interruptions
Peer p_____)

* Time Mismanagement (Multitasking, Procrastination, and Lack of p_____)

How can God's people, teachers, and messengers avoid these distractions?

*Stay f_____ and f_____! 1 Corinthians 4:2

"But Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit
for the kingdom of God."

7 A proverb in the mouth of a fool is like lame legs that hang limp.

What does King Solomon compare a proverb in a fool's mouth to?

➤ Being p_____!

Lame: crippled, impaired or useless feet; physical limitations

King Solomon progresses from a fool delivering a message, to speaking a proverb.
He's saying not only will your message be undelivered, but his words will be useless
as well.

Why is a proverb/Word of God useless in the mouth of a fool?

➤ Because a fool does not u_____ godliness. Proverbs 8:5; 14:16

Remember, just because someone can quote scripture does not mean they are w_____ or actually b_____ from it. 1 Corinthians 1:18

What is the number one indicator that someone truly understands the Word of God?

*Receiving the _____! 1 Corinthians 2:10-16

8 Giving honor to a fool is like binding a stone in a sling.

So far we've heard about, the dangers of sending a m_____ by a fool, a proverb in the m_____ of a fool, now we read the danger of giving them honor.

Honor: Hebrew word kavod; meaning properly, weight, heaviness, glory, reputation; describing what is weighty in a moral, social, or spiritual sense, human dignity. The visible manifestation of divine presence.

What are some problems associated with giving honor to a fool?

*It is p_____. (A sling is a weapon used to t_____ a stone.)

*It is d_____. (A sling holding a bound stone will b_____ and harm the person.)

- Remember a fool does not b_____ or f_____ God. Therefore their reasoning will be from a human perspective and not God's.

How would a wise person handle power differently?

*Humility over e_____ *Service over control *Empowering o_____

- Psalm 103:19; Matthew 20:26-28; 28:18

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What does King Solomon compare a proverb in a fool's mouth to?

- Being d_____!

Just like a drunk who becomes numbed by alcohol, not feeling any pain, so it is with the foolish. They have become so intoxicated by their own way, pride, and ego that they are numb to godly wisdom.

How does a drunk person act?

*Stumbling & f_____

*Slurred speech

*Overly b_____

How about the foolish?

*They might know a proverb, but they don't a_____ it.

*Mocking

*Unwilling to l_____ or r_____. Isaiah 5:11

Notice the illustration:

➤ Like a stick with thorns, brandished by the _____ of a drunkard.

King Solomon is saying, they are hurting t_____ and don't even realize it.

What are some things you can do to stay sober minded and apply God's Word in your life?

*Be f_____ with the _____!

*Guard your h_____

➤ Luke 21:34; Ephesians 5:18

What is one thing you learned that you are willing to share with someone else?

"Life is a matter of choices, and every choice you make makes you."