

Wisdom and Respect

Proverbs 24 pt 2

"The one who plots evil will be called a schemer." -Proverbs 24:8

As you reflect on your experiences in dealing with schemes and scammers, what are some telltale signs to be aware of?

*Too _____ to be _____ *Pressure tactics *Lack of T_____

*Unverifiable claims *Keep it a S_____ *Upfront payments

*Complex structures

"Fraud and deceit are anxious for your money. Be informed and prudent."

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7-9 Wisdom is inaccessible to a fool; he does not open his mouth at the city gate. The one who plots evil will be called a schemer. A foolish scheme is sin, and a mocker is detestable to people.

Notice a fool and his foolishness:

How does a fool view wisdom?

➤ **I_____**: The Hebrew word rum means to be exalted, lifted up, lofty; It also denotes the exaltation of _____ or His attributes.

The writer is saying the fool looks at wisdom as something that is above him/her. They think it is overly s_____ or s_____ and would rather glory in the lowness of their foolishness.

How does a fool act in the presence of wisdom?

➤ **S_____**: He does _____ open his _____ at the city gate. The city gate was the meeting place where elders sat to administer justice, commerce, and met with the public.

How does a fool spend his/her time?

➤ **S_____**: The one who plots _____ will be called a schemer. The Hebrew word for schemer is baal. Baal means Lord, master, owner, husband, referring to a Canaanite deity; The writer is saying the fool spends his time being a "master of evil."

Sadly, we've all witnessed people who are extremely intelligent and skillful at scamming. They have several ways in which they can take advantage of children, adults, seniors, and even the poor.

Where does a fool end up?

- **S**___: A foolish scheme is sin. The Hebrew word chatt'ah means to miss or an offender. Moral failings, a condition of sinfulness, transgressions against God's law; breach of covenant.
- **S**_____: A mocker is detestable to people. Someone who ridicules the teachings and principles of God; is an abomination, idolatry, something disgusting.

In light of all of the wisdom shared in these verses, why is it still so hard for people to leave a lifestyle of foolishness?

The _____ and the _____ are constantly at war!

- ✓ Romans 1:28-32; Galatians 5:17;19-21

10 If you do nothing in a difficult time, your strength is limited.

What is the main idea of this verse?

- How you handle _____ says a lot about your _____.
- ✓ James 1:2

What kind of people will have a difficult time?

- _____ people! *Good/Bad *Rich/Poor *Happy/Sad

Notice the condition of the verse: **If you do nothing:** your strength is limited

Some translations say, if you faint; Hebrew word raphah means to relax, to give up, to let go, to cease, to be weak, to be idle.

How should we respond when difficult times arise?

*P _____ *Get around your support *Trust _____

*Acknowledge and Accept *Keep g_____

- ✓ Romans 5:3-5; Galatians 6:9; James 1:3-4; 1 Peter 1:6-7

11-12 Rescue those being taken off to death, and save those stumbling toward slaughter. If you say, “But we didn’t know about this,” won’t he who weighs hearts consider it? Won’t he who protects your life know? Won’t he repay a person according to his work?

What is the plea in this verse?

Since we’re all made in the image of _____, the plea here is to help those who are on their way towards death and destruction. When God gives us an opportunity, we should do our best to rescue and save those who are being led astray.

#1 Rescue those being taken off to d _____.

#2 Save those s _____ toward slaughter.

How can we go about rescuing and saving those are stumbling, heading for death and eternal separation from God?

*Talking with them

*D _____ them

*Supporting them

✓ 1 Thess 5:14; James 5:19-20; Jude 1:22-23

Notice the excuse some will have: “**But we didn’t know about this.**”

What is one thing you can do to stop making excuses and do God’s will?

Never f _____ the *attributes* of the true and living God

✓ **Omniscient: won’t he who weighs hearts c _____ it?**

✓ **Omnipotent: Won’t he who protects your life k _____?**

✓ **Morally Perfect: Won’t he r _____ a person according to his work?**

God is...Good, Holy, Righteous, True, Loving and Wrathful.

“For his invisible attributes, that is, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen since the creation of the world, being understood through what he has made. As a result, people are without excuse.” -Romans 1:20

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

“Excuses are tools of the incompetent used to build bridges to nowhere and monuments of nothingness.”