

WISDOM AND FOOLISHNESS / Proverbs 15:14

The wise and the foolish are often contrasted in Proverbs. The characteristics, reputation, and results of each are worth knowing if wisdom is our goal.

	The Wise	The Foolish	Reference
Characteristics	Give good advice	Lack common sense	10:21
	Enjoy wisdom	Enjoy foolishness	10:23
	Consider their steps	Gullible	14:15
		Avoid the wise	15:12
	Hungry for truth.	Feed on foolishness	15:14
	Value wisdom above riches		16:16
	Receive life	Receive punishment	16:22
	Respond to correction.	Do not respond to punishment	17:10
	Pursue wisdom	Pursue illusive dreams	17:24
		Blame failure on God.	19:3
	Profit from correction.	An example to others	19:25
		Are proud and arrogant.	21:24
		Despise wise advice	23:9
		Make truth useless	26:7
		Repeat their folly	26:11
Reputation	Trust in wisdom.	Trust in themselves	28:26
	Control their anger	Unleash their anger.	29:11
	Admired as counselors	Punished as servants	10:13
	Crowned with knowledge . . .	Inherit folly.	14:18
		Cause strife and quarrels	22:10
Results		Receive no honor	26:1
	Keep peace.	Stir up anger	29:8
	Stay on the right path	Go the wrong way	15:21
		Lash out when discovered in folly	17:12
		Endangered by their words	18:6-7
	Their wisdom conquers others' strength.		21:22
	Avoid wicked paths	Walk a troublesome path.	22:5
	Have great advice.		24:5
		Will never be chosen as counselors.	24:7
		Must be guided by hardship . . .	26:3
		Persist in foolishness.	27:22