

Who Is A Wise Man?

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Intro-

1. Two groups of people in the Bible: the wise, and the foolish.
2. This lesson looks at the first group, the wise
3. As James 3:13 asks, "Who Is A Wise Man"

Discussion –

I. He That Restrains His Lips is Wise

- A. **Prov. 10:19** – in the multitude of words sin is not lacking, but...
- B. **Prov. 17:27-28** – even a fool counted as wise when he does this
- C. **Prov. 29:11** - "a fool vents all his feelings, but a wise man holds them back"
- D. **Psalms 39:1** – I will guard my ways lest I sin with my tongue
- E. **James 1:19-20** – slow to speak, slow to wrath
- F. **James 1:26** – vain religion if we fail to bridle our tongue

II. He that wins souls is Wise

- A. **Prov. 11:30**
- B. The soul of man is of great value! - **Mk. 8:36-37**
- C. It can be as simple as saying "Come and see" (**John 1:37-47**) Jesus → Andrew → Peter, Phillip → Nathaniel
- D. Are you a soul winner? – often sing "I want to be a soul winner"
- E. What about those who have wandered from the faith? **James 5:19-20**

III. He that heeds his father's instruction is wise

- A. **Prov. 13:1**
- B. **Prov. 4:1-13**
- C. **Prov. 3:1-2**
- D. **Prov. 1:8-9**
- E. Children are commanded to obey (**Eph. 6:1-3; Col. 3:20**)
- F. **Prov. 10:1**

IV. He that Fears and Departs from Evil is wise

- A. **Prov. 14:16**
- B. **Prov. 4:14-16**
- C. **Prov. 1:10-19**
- D. **Prov. 22:3; 27:12**

V. He That hears and obeys is wise

- A. **Matt. 7:24-27**
- B. Must be doers! (**Mt. 7:21-23; Js. 1:22-25**)
- C. How are you building spiritually?

VI. He That Is Ready is wise

- A. **Matt. 25:1-13**
- B. Must be ready for the second coming will come unexpectedly (**Mt. 24: 36-37, 42-44**)
- C. Are you ready? -the answer is in how we live (**2 Pt. 3:10-14**)

VII. He That Redeems the time is wise

- A. **Eph. 5:15-16** – walk in wisdom, redeeming the time
- B. **Col. 4:5** – take advantage of opportunities -
Strong's definition: "to make wise and sacred use of every opportunity for doing good, so that zeal and well doing are as it were the purchase money by which we make the time our own"
- C. We must learn to number our days – **Ps. 90:12**
- D. For life on this earth is very short – (Js. 4:14)
- E. Don't be a sluggard! – **Prov. 6:6-11**

VIII. He that knows the scriptures is wise

- A. **2 Tim. 3:15**
- B. **Eph. 5:17**
- C. Knowledge comes from reading (1 Tim. 4:13)&study (2 Tim. 2:15)

Conclusion –

- 1. **Js. 3:13**
- 2. Are you a wise man?
- 3. Will you be wise today in obeying the gospel and showing forth your works?