

The Wise Man

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Introduction

1. The Bible is a picture gallery.
 2. In it we find pictures of all kinds of people.
 3. Let us look at the Wise Man as God pictures him in the word of God.
- I. He Feels God**
- a. Prov. 1:7 *“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; but fools despise wisdom and instruction”*.
 - b. Prov. 9:10 *“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; and the knowledge of the holy is understanding”*.
 - c. Psa. 111: 10 *“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all they that do His commandments: His praise endureth forever.”*
 - d. Prov. 8:13 *“The fear of the Lord is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the forward mouth, do I hate.”*
 - e. The spirit of reverence is the foundation of all knowledge and wisdom.
 - f. WHAT IT MEANS TO FEAR THE LORD:
 - i. Reverence His divine nature – Psa. 90:2.
 - ii. Sense His divine presence – Heb. 4:13; Phil. 4:5.
 - iii. Have regard for His divine will.
 - iv. Have regard for His name – Psa. 111:9.
 - g. I Pet. 3:15
 - h. Character is known by a man’s attitude toward the Lord, and things pertaining to Him.
- II. A Wise Man is Afraid of Evil.**
- a. Prov. 14:16 *“A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil: But the fool rageth, and is confident”*.
 - b. The wise man flees from evil knowing the danger of it.
 - i. He flees the love of money – I Tim. 6: 9 – 11.
 - ii. He flees youthful lusts – 2 Tim. 2:22.
 - iii. He flees fornication – I Cor. 6: 18.
 - iv. He flees from all evil – Rom. 12:9.
 - v. He flees from evil men’s company – Prov. 1: 10- 15.
 - c. The wise man does not dally around with temptation; he realizes that there is a possibility of falling into sin – I Cor. 10:12.
- III. The Wise Man Harkens to Counsel.**
- a. Prov. 12:15 *“The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: But he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.”*
 - b. The fool professes to know everything – therefore does not hearken.
 - c. The wise man knows that he does not know everything and will listen to advise.
 - d. The wise man learns from the experience of others.
 - e. The fool will not take instruction – Prov. 9: 7 – 9.
 - f. The wise man will listen to God’s counsel and follow the same.
- IV. He “Winneth Souls”.**
- a. Prov. 11:30 *“The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise”*.
 - b. The wise man has a mighty influence – he is a magnet.
 - c. He is the salt of the earth and the light of the world – Matt. 5: 13 – 16.
 - d. If we are wise, people will take our advise and follow our example.
- V. The Wise Man Refrains His Lips.**
- a. Prov. 10:19 *“In a multitude of words transgression is not lacking, but he who restrains his lips is prudent”*
–The Amplified Bible.
 - b. Psa. 39:1

- c. James 1: 19
 - d. He speaks wise things because he thinks on right things.
 - e. Corrupt speech defiles the man who uses it:
 - i. Eph. 4:29; Mark 7:20
- VI. The Wise Man is the Prepared Man.**
- a. Unlike the fool, he does not live merely for the present.
 - b. He thinks of the future – Col. 3: 1- 2.
 - c. He anticipates the storm and builds upon the rock – Matt. 7: 24 – 27.
 - d. He anticipates the coming of the Lord and prepares – Matt. 25:4.
- VII. The Wise Man is Rewarded.**
- a. Prov. 3:35 *“The wise shall inherit glory;”*.
 - b. Matt. 25: 1 – 13