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 Fears 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.
   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 Hearkens 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.
   c. He anticipates the storm and builds upon the rock – Matt. 7: 24 – 27.

VII. The Wise Man is Rewarded.
   a. Prov. 3:35 “The wise shall inherit glory;”