

Message #66

Proverbs 18:1-8

As we come to this section, we again notice the key theme of the section is the fool (18:2, 6-7) who acts in wicked ways (18:3, 5).

A WISE PERSON DOES NOT THINK, ACT OR SPEAK LIKE A WICKED FOOL.

There are eight themes that Solomon wanted to discuss in order to bring each of us to the place where we will examine ourselves in order to discover whether or not we are wise or foolish.

THEME #1 – God’s wisdom is not separated from those who are wise. **18:1**

There are four factors in regard to this proverb: 1) Desire; 2) Separation; 3) Seek; 4) Quarrel. The fool is one who has a preeminent desire to separate himself from that which is sound and seek his own welfare. He quarrels against all sound wisdom.

THEME #2 – Fools delight in their own ignorance. **18:2**

The word “delight” is one that means a specific bent or curve and it means the fool has no bent or curve for the things of God.

THEME #3 – A wicked person gets progressively worse. **18:3**

When a person is not conforming to the Word of God, there are at least three things that follow: 1) Contempt–toward things of God; 2) Dishonor–shameful actions or deeds; 3) Reproach–a reproach to others and will suffer reproach.

THEME #4 – A wise person has wise speech. **18:4**

Two things characterize the speech of a wise person: 1) It is deep; 2) It continually flows.

THEME #5 – A wicked person overthrows a righteous leader. **18:5**

A wicked person tries to overthrow the righteous person so righteous judgments won’t be made.

THEME #6 – A fool will always get in trouble with his speech. **18:6**

A fool has a mouth problem.

THEME #7 – A fool will be destroyed by his speech. **18:7**

The fool will eventually destroy himself by his speech.

THEME #8 – A fool has an appetite for gossip. **18:8**

When the text says gossip goes down to the “innermost parts,” it means that a fool craves it in the deepest part of his soul.