

# Proverbs

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## A Wise Person vs. A Foolish Person

### A Wise Person...

- Is teachable (10:15), storing up knowledge
- Listens to instruction (13:1), accepts commands and even loves reproof
- Hangs out with wise people (13:20) and spreads wisdom and knowledge, but does not vaunt it
- Controls emotions (29:11) and brings joy to his parents (15:20)
- Ignores insults (12:16), has a calm demeanor (17:27) and holds his tongue (11:29)
- Plumbs the depths of another's heart and understands their motivations (20:5)
- Grasps what is going on and makes good decisions; exercises discretion, planning and evaluating things silently to himself
- Is insightful, having a penetrating and foreseeing mind
- Is good at accomplishing tasks and comprehends things easily
- Acts rightly and does the right thing
- Is kind, good, honest, faithful and full of integrity

### A Foolish Person...

- Despises wisdom (1:7)
- Is complacent (1:32)
- Spreads slander (10:18)
- Is unwilling to take advice (12:15)
- Stubbornly pursues evil (13:19)
- Refuses to make amends for wrongs (14:9)
- Gives no thought to their lives and how they are living (14:8, 15:14)
- Rejects discipline (15:5)
- Does not learn from mistakes (17:10, 26:11)
- Is hotheaded, reckless, showing annoyance at once (12:16, 14:16, 20:3, 29:11)
- Airs opinions rather than asks questions (18:2)
- Trusts in himself (28:26)
- Is greedy (10:3), violent (10:6), and cruel (12:10)

• Is inclined to mindless amusements (19:10) and is overbearingly proud