

WISDUMB

Week 1: Sunday, May 14 - Wisdom vs. The Stupid

The Purpose of the Book of Proverbs

Proverbs 1:1-7 - 1 These are the proverbs of Solomon, David's son, king of Israel. 2 Their purpose is to teach people wisdom and discipline, to help them understand the insights of the wise. 3 Their purpose is to teach people to live disciplined and successful lives, to help them do what is right, just, and fair. 4 These proverbs will give insight to the simple, knowledge and discernment to the young. 5 Let the wise listen to these proverbs and become even wiser. Let those with understanding receive guidance 6 by exploring the meaning in these proverbs and parables, the words of the wise and their riddles. 7 **Fear of the Lord is the foundation of true knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.**

Defining "wisdom" - Knowledge is information that has been learned. Understanding recognizes how to apply this knowledge. **Wisdom turns knowledge and understanding into action.**

James 1:5 - If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, **and he will give it to you.** He will not rebuke you for asking.

Defining "the Stupid"

Proverbs 22:3 - A prudent person foresees danger and takes precautions. The simpleton goes blindly on and suffers the consequences.

How To Be A Stupid:

- **Do NOT be reverent**
 - **Proverbs 1:7** - Fear of the Lord is the foundation of true knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.
- **Do NOT stop talking**
 - **Proverbs 18:2** - Fools have no interest in understanding; they only want to air their own opinions.
- **Do NOT Be Teachable**
 - **Proverbs 26:11** - As a dog returns to its vomit, so a fool repeats his foolishness.
- **Do NOT be intentional**
 - **Proverbs 17:12** - It is safer to meet a bear robbed of her cubs than to confront a fool caught in foolishness.
- **Do NOT Be Accountable**
 - **Proverbs 15:5** - Only a fool despises a parent's discipline; whoever learns from correction is wise.

How To Raise A Stupid:

- Don't teach them to obey
- Don't teach them God's Word
- Don't teach them to think things through
- Don't surround them with great people
- Don't be consistent

Are You Being A Stupid?

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