

Two Roads: Master or Disaster

Fool-ism

With every passing moment, we are choosing what kind of life we will have lived. God wills for us to choose to live wisely. A person with wisdom has competence and character; they know the right thing to do in any situation and they have the ability to do the right thing in any situation. A fool is the person who either acts without knowing...or knows without acting.

Discussion Questions

1. If you were stranded on a deserted island with one other person, who would you want that person to be? Why?
 2. Is there a person you know (or know of) who embodies your idea of “the good life”? Who is that person? Why do you choose them? Please describe.
 3. Jesus is called “the wisdom of God”. Have you ever been struck by the wisdom that Jesus reveals? In what way does Jesus turn “conventional wisdom” upside down? Discuss.
 4. The Hebrew word for wisdom is *hokma*. While it does mean intellectual “smarts”, it also refers to competence and character; knowing the best way to act in any situation. Do you know someone who exhibits *hokma*? What is one way that you have demonstrated *hokma* in your life? (I asked you to say, so it isn’t bragging.)
 5. Fool-ism is when we act without knowing or know without acting. Among the people in your small group, has there ever been a time when you’ve done either? If you are willing to share, did it end in a masterpiece or a disasterpiece? Please describe.
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God in Real Life

1. This week, when you come to any moment of decision, ask yourself what a wise person would do in this situation. What would someone who has *hokma* choose here? How can I demonstrate competence and character?
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To the Heart

“Get wisdom, get understanding; do not forget my words or turn away from them. Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you. The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding.”
~Proverbs 4:5-7