

Introduction

“proverb”

Two major themes

Interpretive Challenge

An All-Important Motto

The Sons of Proverbs

The wise son

The foolish son

The simple son

How do you become a fool?

1. Be gullible and easily influenced.

“simple”

“believes”

“every”

“prudent”

“considers”

“steps”

Example – How to develop prudence in your child.

1. Don't try to cover up his sin.

Caution – To “protect” your child by covering up for your child is to postpone the pain until he is older when the consequences will be more severe and his character has already been shaped.

2. Have him confess to the store owner and make restitution.

3. Take appropriate disciplinary action at home.

4. Have him confront his friend.

2. Be impetuous and wild with regard to evil.

a. A wise man respects God's authority.

“departs”

b. A fool is impetuous and does what he wants.

“rages”

“self-confident”

Principle – A wise man fears God and turns away from evil.

Principle – A fool trusts himself, confidently does

what he wants, and carelessly participates in evil.

3. Don't control your temper.

“quick-tempered”

4. Be underhanded in your relations with others.

5. Don't become discerning.

Conclusion

How do you become a fool?

There is a battle going on for our children.

There is a battle going on for our own character.

Whose side are you on?

The battle for our children starts in the hearts and lives of the adults.

Don't be a spectator.

Don't be a couch-potato.

Get into the battle for the mind, character, and spiritual nature of the next generation.

Don't let your child become a fool!