

Four Characteristics of a Wise Man
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Introduction

"character"

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1. He listens and receives instruction.

- a. The activity
- b. The content
- c. The implication
- d. The objective
- e. The application
- f. Thought for parents
- g. Positive benefits of listening to counsel and instruction
 - 1. You won't be stupid.
 - 2. You will be prudent.
 - 3. You will be one of the wise.
 - 4. You will grow wiser and wiser.

2. He willingly yields to God's sovereign plan.

- a. Reality
 - "plans"
 - "heart"
- b. Perspective - God is sovereign.
 - "the LORD's counsel"
 - "will stand"

Question - If God overrules your plans, will you yield to His new plan for your life?

3. He is loyal.

- a. Loyal love is better than wealth.
 - "desire"
 - "kindness"
- b. The logical inference

The Point - A wise man, no matter what his status in life, will demonstrate a loyal kindness to others and will look for the same from others.

4. He fears the Lord.

"fear of the Lord"

The Doctrine of the "Fear of the Lord"

- 1. He who fears the Lord will have eternal life.
- 2. He who fears the Lord will have satisfaction.
- 3. He who fears the Lord will have safety.

Psalm 19:9

Proverbs 1:7

Proverbs 8:13

Proverbs 10:27

Proverbs 14:26-27

Acts 9:31

How about you? Are you a wise man? A wise woman?

- 1. Do you listen and receive instruction?**
- 2. Do you willingly yield to God's sovereign plan?**
- 3. Do you demonstrate a loyal love to others?**
- 4. Do you fear the Lord?**

~ Pastor Mark D. Montgomery

