

THE WISE AND JUST.

INTRO.:

A. Read text: Proverbs 10:1-7.

B. Regarding the text:

1. These verses illustrate our need to be wise.
2. What makes a person wise and just?
3. THREE GENERAL AREAS for discussion...
 - 1) Those who THINK RIGHT.
 - 2) Those who SPEAK RIGHT.
 - 3) Those who LIVES RIGHT.

I. THE WISE PERSON THINKS RIGHT.

A. The wise realizes the importance of the heart being filled with right things (Pro. 4:23; 23:7).

B. Before proper action can occur... the heart must be right!

1. Requires filling it up with right things (Matt. 12:34; 15:18).
2. Note also: Phil. 4:8 "...think on these things."

C. If we THINK properly, we can make right decisions.

1. Proper thinking requires TRUTH.
 - 1) Knowing Biblical Truth allows for proper thinking (John 8:32; Gal. 5:1).
 - 2) In our world some things may be legal but not right in God's sight!
2. Honest and just hearts consider the feelings of others (Phil. 2:2-5; Rom. 12:15; Luke 6:31).

D. What we do comes from what we think, from what we allow in our minds.

II. THE WISE PERSON SPEAKS RIGHT.

A. This involves restraint (1 Pet. 3:10-11).

1. Refrain = "pano" to cease, to leave off. (1 Pet. 4:1).
2. We are to control our tongues (James 3:2-3, 8-12).
3. The wise will leave off certain things.
 - 1) Slander: Pro. 10:18.
 - 2) Backbiting: Psalm 15:1-3.
 - 3) Lying and Deceitfulness: Eph. 4:25; Psalm 120:2.
 - 4) Corrupt communications: Eph. 4:29.

B. The child of God thinks before he speaks.

III. THE WISE PERSON LIVES RIGHT.

A. Again...we understand that we must know truth in order to act properly (Psalm 19:8; 37:31; 1 Tim. 4:16; Eph. 2:10).

B. Examples:

1. Enoch did right (Gen. 5:24)!
2. Noah did right (Gen. 6:9)!

C. It is possible to KNOW right things and to SPEAK right things BUT fail to DO right things (James 1:22-25; Matt. 7:24-27; James 4:17).

D. A righteous man is one that knows and then does that which is right!

IV. CONCLUSION.

- A. God blesses those who think right, speak right and live right (**1 Tim. 6:17-21**).
- B. Be careful not to make excuses for the way that we live.

V. APPEAL.

A. First Law of pardon. (For the alien sinner.)

- 1. Hear the Gospel. (**Heb. 11:6; Rom. 10:17; Acts 2:37**)
- 2. Believe the Gospel. (**Mark 16:15-16**)
- 3. Repent of sins. (**Luke 13:3, 5; Luke 24:47; Acts 2:38**)
- 4. Confess that Christ is the Son of God. (**Rom. 10:9-10; Matt. 10:32**)
- 5. Be baptized for the remission of sins. (**Acts 2:38**)

B. Second Law of pardon. (For the Christian who sins.)

- 1. The Christian will sin from time to time (**Rom. 3:23; 1 John 1:8, 10**).
- 2. Therefore, we must confess and repent of those sins (**1 John 1:9; Acts 8:22**).

C. We must not face judgment unprepared.