

Message #49

Proverbs 14:28-35

**OUR PURSUIT OF GOD'S WISE WAY OF LIFE OR MAN'S FOOLISH WAY OF LIFE WILL EVENTUALLY BE EVIDENCE IN SEVERAL AREAS OF OUR LIVES.**

**EVIDENCE #1 – God's wisdom or man's folly will be evidenced by influence. 14:28**

The word "king" is one that is often used of a king who has been appointed by God. This proverb teaches that when a king influences a great number of people, he will be honored. Notice the word "prince" which is a Hebrew word that means someone who is less than the ultimate. One who influences many is kingly, one who influences few is lacking.

**EVIDENCE #2 – God's wisdom or man's folly will be evidenced by patience or impatience. 14:29**

The more wise a person is becoming, the more controlled the person will be even during the most difficult circumstances. It is the mark of wisdom to work on our own personality, especially when it comes to patience.

**EVIDENCE #3 – God's wisdom or man's folly will be evidenced by health. 14:30**

Modern-day medical experts are just now beginning to understand the reality of this proverb written by Solomon somewhere near the year 900 B.C. This verse deals with a cure for psychosomatic problems—a physical problem caused by some mental or emotional state. The old saying is true—"a healthy mind produces a healthy body, but a sick mind produces a sick body.

**EVIDENCE #4 – God's wisdom or man's folly will be evidenced by our attitude toward the poor. 14:31**

Actually, this proverb teaches our benevolence or lack of it determines our attitude toward God!

**EVIDENCE #5 – God's wisdom or man's folly will be evidenced at death. 14:32**

Death for one pursuing the ways of God is a positive, gainful experience; but for one not pursuing God's ways, it will be the most depressing moment of one's existence.

**EVIDENCE #6 – God's wisdom or man's folly will be evidenced and observable. 14:33**

A wise heart is a quiet heart, but a foolish heart is evidenced by the noise it makes.

**EVIDENCE #7 – God's wisdom or man's folly will be evidenced by righteousness or sin. 14:34**

It is interesting that the word "nation" is one often used for Gentile nations.

**EVIDENCE #8 – God's wisdom or man's folly will be evidenced by the rulers' attitude. 14:35**

The central point of this proverb is that competence will make a leader take great delight in his servant, whereas incompetence will make a leader angry.

One who pursues the ways of wisdom in Proverbs will never regret it and will benefit in this life and the next.