

Wisdom for the Everyday Radical (Proverbs 14)

1. Proverbs' *Radical* Teaching (14:8-15) and a Tale of Two Sons
2. The Temporary Thrill of *Radical Christianity*
 - A. "Radicals" in the Bible, Church history, and today
 - B. Caution against the New Radicalism
3. Simple obedience to the Lord is radical (in *both* senses of the term).
 - A. Exposition of Proverbs 14
 1. Wise Work (1, 4, 11, 20, 21, 23, 24, 31, 35)
 2. Wise Words (3, 5, 7, 17, 25, 29)
 3. Wise Walk (2, 6, 8, 12, 15, 16, 22, 32, 34)
 4. Wise Worship (9, 10, 13, 14, 18, 19, 26, 27, 28, 30, 33)
 - B. Differences between the Wise and Foolish sons

Wise Son

Takes care of household
Fears the Lord
Is protected
Embraces hard work
Faithful and honest
Easily understands
Has good friends
Considers his ways
Finds acceptance
Abundantly blessed family
Thoughtful
Cautious
Has many friends
Blessed through generosity
Finds love through goodness
Works and reaps benefits
Slow to anger
Calm and confident
Honors the needy
Safe in death
Exalted through righteousness
Finds favor from authority

Foolish Son

Divides/neglects a household
Hates God
Is often disciplined
Shuns hard work
Liar
Cannot understand
Surrounds himself with fools
Deceives himself
Mocks reconciliation
Dysfunctional family
Naive
Careless
Disliked
Sins through hatred
Goes astray through evil
Talks and reaps nothing
Quick temper
Envious
Insults the needy
Overthrown in death
Reproached through sin
Finds wrath from authority

4. God is not more glorified according to the perceived "bigness" of the works we do; he is glorified as we follow him *by faith* (Hebrews 11)
5. Application: Be an Everyday Radical wherever you are
 - A. Remember Whose story really matters
 - B. Prove your sonship by living wisely by faith
 - C. Do not use this message as an excuse to neglect what God calls you to do
 - D. The call to be an everyday radical might be more challenging than you think
 - E. "Take My Life and Let it Be" – the prayer of the everyday radical