

Proverbs Lesson Seven Outline

Understanding a fool

Lesson Aim: To examine the speech of a fool according to the Proverbs

- I. Jesus and speech
 - A. Matthew 12:34 You brood of vipers, how can you, being evil speak what is good? For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart.
 - B. John 10:27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.
 - C. John 16:25 “These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; an hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but will tell you plainly of the Father.
 - D. Luke 24:32 They said to one another, “Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while he was explaining the Scriptures to us?”
 - E. Matthew 12:37 For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”
 - F. Matthew 5:11 “Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me.”
 - G. Luke 6:26 Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for their fathers used to treat the false prophets in the same way.
 - H. John 12:49, 50” For I did not speak on My own initiative, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me a commandment as to what to say and what to speak. I know that His commandment is eternal life; therefore the things I speak, I speak just as the Father has told Me.”
 - I. Matthew 6:7 “And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words.”
 - J. Matthew 7:26 Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.

- II. A fool's speech according to the Proverbs
 - A. The fool is hasty in speech. Proverbs 29:20 Do you see a man who is hasty in his words? There is more hope for a fool than for him.
 - B. A fool is angry in his speech. Proverbs 29:11 A fool always loses his temper, but a wise man holds it back.
 - C. A fool is frequently found quarreling. Proverbs 20:3 Keeping away from strife is an honor for a man, but any fool will quarrel.
 - D. A fool will often be found lying. Proverbs 17:7 Excellent speech is not fitting for a fool, much less are lying lips to a prince.
 - E. A fool will quickly reveal his anger. Proverbs 12:16 A fool's anger is known at once, but a prudent man conceals dishonor.
 - F. A fool speaks slanderous words. Proverbs 10:18 He who conceals hatred has lying lips, and he who spreads slander is a fool.
- III. Class participation
 - A. Questions for reflection and meditation:
 - 1. What do you gain from Jesus instructions about speech?
 - 2. How should we use the instructions from Proverbs in our daily listening?
 - B. When a Christian meets a fool how should we respond to him or her?