

FOOL PROOF

LIVING A WISE LIFE

SERMON OUTLINE

Sunday December 15th, 2017

PASTOR DAVID COOKE: Character Matters

- Character Matters
- Character Is Formed

“Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,” (Romans 5:3-4,

“A wicked man puts on a bold face, but the upright gives thought to his ways.” (Proverbs 21:29, ESV)



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- Character is the _____ of our _____
- Character Becomes Obvious

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- Character Is Contagious

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"Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm." (Proverbs 13:20, ESV)



- Character Isn't Crooked

"Hear, for I will speak noble things, and from my lips will come what is right, for my mouth will utter truth; wickedness is an abomination to my lips. All the words of my mouth are righteous; there is nothing twisted or crooked in them." (Proverbs 8:6-8, ESV)

- Foolproof Character
 - Character is the sum of our choices.
 - Wisdom Habits
- The Hope Found in Jesus
 - No perfect people
 - The Path

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30, ESV)

Answers: sum, choices



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SERMON STUDY GUIDE

Foolproof: "Character Matters"

Icebreaker: If you could go back in time to any year, time-period or event in history, what would it be and why?

Setting It Up:

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man (or woman) of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." (2 Timothy 3:16-17, ESV)

When I do my personal Bible reading, I am going to regularly ask if God might be 1) teaching me something, 2) telling me to stop doing something I am doing, 3) correcting some wrong thinking or behavior, or 4) preparing me to live more effectively for him.

Digging Deeper

1. Looking back at the biblical texts and your notes from this week's teaching, share anything that particularly caught your attention, encouraged, challenged or confused you.
2. Is there something in this chapter that surprised you? If so, how were you surprised?
3. What in this passage helps you see more of Jesus and his cross, or what moves you to love him more?

Putting it into Action

4. We multiply the riches when we read and share the Bible together. How can you share the joy, peace, and conviction you've been given by God with others?
5. Identify a specific person you might connect with in the next week, and think about a time you could bring this particular truth up with them.

