

GROUNDING



SERMON OUTLINE

Sunday, August 1st, 2021

Living Wisely or Foolishly ~ Pastor David Cooke

- **To what do you aspire?**

- A. Conflict Free?
- B. Peaceful?
- C. Compliance?
- D. Influence?
- E. Impact?

- **A Story**

- Solomon Asks For Wisdom
1 Kings 3:3-15, 9-13 ESV

- **Three Paths**

1. **The Path of Wisdom**

- Wisdom is the mindful application of our knowledge and experience to how we think, feel and act that results in flourishing relationships with God, self and others
- There are a lot of people who want to walk this path.
 - i) Business
 - ii) Religion
 - iii) Therapy

- What It Takes To Walk This Path
 - i) The Desire To Live Well
 - ii) Intentionality In Pursuing Wisdom
 - iii) Practice

2. The Path of Foolishness

- **Foolishness** is the mindless ignorance of knowledge and experience to what we think, feel and act resulting in deteriorating relationships with God, self and others.

"The way of a fool is right in his own eyes..." Proverbs 12:15

- **Resistance and Laziness**

- i) You live like you are the ultimate authority
- ii) You are the one who ultimately determines what is true and right

"There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death."
Proverbs 16:25, ESV

- iii) You don't do the work to change
 - a) You are the victim
 - b) You don't take responsibility

3. The Path of Godly Wisdom

- Godly wisdom is the righteous application of the knowledge of God and our experience to how we think, feel and act resulting in flourishing relationships with God, self and others.

"Fear of the Lord is the foundation of true knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline." (Proverbs 1:7, NLT)

- What It Takes To Walk This Path
 - i) Surrender To God - You Follow, Not Lead
 - ii) Intentionally Pursuing Transformation Romans 12:1-2, ESV
 - iii) Practice

- **Grounded**

Being Grounded is consistently living out of the knowledge, presence and strength of Jesus.

Ephesians 3:14-21 ESV

- Living A Grounded Life Engages Our Whole Being
Mark 12:29-31, ESV
- Living A Grounded Life Is Living Out Of The Experience Of The Love of Christ

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