

# **The Wise Man and the Fool**

Proverbs 1:1-7

*Daily we choose which role we will play.*

Solomon wants to help us gain:

1. Perspective (v2)
2. Common sense (v2)
3. Godliness (v3)
4. Planning (v4)
5. Truth (v5)
6. Guidance (v5)
7. Understanding (v6)

Four people we either are or are becoming:

1. The Simple
2. The Wise
3. The Fool
4. The Scoffer

## **FOR FURTHER THOUGHT:**

1. Can you think of a time in your life when you've been out of control? What happened? How did you get back on track?
2. Read verses 1-7 and review the purposes of Proverbs (see insert). Which of those do you need most right now?
3. The "simple" one is also translated "inexperienced." How does that definition show the value of listening to others with more experience? Who might some of those people be in your life?
4. Wisdom has little to do with intelligence, and much to do with experience and practice. How do age and wisdom go together? Read Proverbs 20:29. How can young and old benefit from each other?
5. We all choose daily whether we will walk in wisdom or in folly. Can you think of a decision you made this week that put you in one of those categories or the other?
6. WWJD, "What Would Jesus Do?" can also be used for "Walk With Jesus Daily." What's the difference between the two approaches? How do spiritual disciplines contribute to the way of wisdom? Are you reading a chapter in Proverbs every day? How could that help you gain wisdom?
7. Name some ways in which you will need to choose between wisdom and folly yet today.