



I'm Wise In My Own Eyes

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Talk It Over

I'm That Fool

(week 1)

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SMALL TALK

1. Can you think of a time when you slipped into being “wise in your own eyes”? What was the context?

VIEWPOINT

2. **READ Proverbs 3:7 & 26:12; Luke 18:9-14.** In Jesus' parable, which person was the fool? Why? Do you think the Pharisee was familiar with the many Proverbs about not being “wise in your own eyes”? If so, how can it happen that he slipped into that? What is his basic problem?
3. **READ Matthew 5:20.** How shocked do you think Jesus' audience was by this statement? Why or why not?
4. **READ 2 Corinthians 10:12; James 1:23-24; Isaiah 28:17.** What is the common problem described in 2 Corinthians? What causes this? What theme in James and Isaiah serves to remedy such a problem?
5. **READ Philippians 2:3-4.** How can anyone maintain this kind of outward mindset? What follows this statement?

GETTING PERSONAL

6. When have you been like the tax collector in Jesus' story? When have you been like the Pharisee in Jesus' story?
7. If the tax collector or the Pharisee from Jesus' story came to our group, how would either one of them be received in our group?
8. How confident are you in your relationship with God? On what factors do you base your level of confidence before God?

PRACTICE!

Through this series read the chapter of Proverbs that corresponds to the date of the month. For example: On March **8**, read Proverbs **8**. Make a note or two on which wise saying you found most helpful.

I. I make wrong _____

II. I forget to have an _____

III. I _____ too _____

IV. But when I admit “I'm THAT fool”,

_____ comes.

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