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**What A Fool Believes**

Proverbs 10:17-19 He is in the way of life that keepeth instruction: but he that refuseth reproof erreth. (18) He that hideth hatred with lying lips, and he that uttereth a slander, is a fool. (19) In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips is wise. (KJV)

Again we see the flip side of the coin; it’s either with the Head of the Church and we win, or we get fooled into settling for the tail end. When one refuses the Lord’s correction and instruction they become a bit miserable and agitated. They are the ones that start playing the blame game, and utter slanders about others rather than dealing with self. You can easily indentify these people because they play the blame game, where they point at others to get the attention off of themselves.

Proverbs 19:3-5 The foolishness of man perverteth his way: and his heart fretteth against the LORD. (4) Wealth maketh many friends; but the poor is separated from his neighbour. (5) A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall not escape. (KJV)

You know, uttering slander especially against God’s people is not something that our Lord considers wise or takes lightly. Throwing a slander is not like testing pasta, where you throw it out there and hope it sticks. If you really knew how important your words are you wouldn’t be so childish and foolish in making accusations about others when the reality is that you are just taking your own faults and shortcomings out on them.

Psalms 101:5-7 Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, him will I cut off: him that hath an high look and a proud heart will not I suffer. (6) Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land that they may dwell with me: he that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve me. (7) He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight. (KJV)

Throwing people under the bus is not something that our Lord takes kindly to. These things that you say about others, is that something that you know for a fact is based on truth? How about your own salvation, would you like to find out that you were not given access to your eternal reward because of these slanders you so haphazardly threw out there? Sounds a bit foolish don’t it when you see it from our Lord’s perspective?

Proverbs 29:11-12 A fool uttereth all his mind: but a wise man keepeth it in till afterwards. (12) If a ruler hearken to lies, all his servants are wicked. (KJV)

Just because you heard something about someone else doesn’t mean it is so. Even if you perceive a situation according to the outward appearance doesn’t mean that you know everything about it either. Those of you that are in the position of leadership especially within in the Church, need to realize what affect you can have on others if you are not properly discerning between what is good and evil.

Proverbs 18:12-13 Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before honour is humility. (13) He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him. (KJV)

Ever have this happen before, you know like ready shoot and then aim? Afterwards you end up saying shoot, I should have taken the time to take aim and then realize that I wouldn’t have shot at all, especially when it was one of God’s own people.

Proverbs 11:12-13 He that is void of wisdom despiseth his neighbour: but a man of understanding holdeth his peace. (13) A talebearer revealeth secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter. (KJV)

I recall a cartoon about the wolves in sheep’s clothing standing up in the middle of the flock and realizing there were no more sheep; rather they were all devoured by each other. What a fool believes; well simply put, when they talk about everyone else behind their back, that anyone with any wisdom or understanding would want to come back and listen to that nonsense any more.