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Sermon – The Fool – Nabal (Week 2 of PEOPLE) (read in the NLT)

Scripture – Proverbs 1:7, 1 Samuel 25 (Nabal & Abigail)

Main Message – How to handle a fool, generally the problem takes care of itself.

This week we will handle the topic of how to handle a foolish person. First let me read to you from Proverbs 1 vs 7. *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.*

To get a good sense of this situation, let me read to you from 1 Samuel 25 the story of Nabal and Abigail. By the way, the name “Nabal” actual means FOOL.

Read vs 2 -11. This is how a foolish person responds to others.

Read 12 – 31. This is how a wise person deals with a situation. Abigail to the rescue and by the way, her name means, “my father is joy” and Proverbs 26:4-5 says in essence, “don’t argue with a fool according to their folly, but also don’t let them continue without instruction. A fine line to balance.

Read 32 – 39. And there you have it. A fool’s behavior and God brings the fool to his end. David gained a wise woman for his household. She is the true shining star of this short story recognizing the situation and taking action to resolve what could have been disastrous.

Foolish people, those you just can’t teach, usually come to their own untimely end because of their foolish actions. So let us all learn from this, to Not be a fool, like Nabal, but to be Wise like Abigail when the situation arises.