

**Building With Wisdom - Part 4
People: The Wise and not so Wise**

Five primary kinds of people in Proverbs

1. Wise
2. Wicked
3. Simple
4. Mockers/Scorners
5. Fools

2. Wise people seek instruction and are open to correction.

2 Timothy 3:16 (NIV)

¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

Proverbs 9:8-9 (NIV)

⁸ Do not rebuke a mocker or he will hate you; rebuke a wise man and he will love you. ⁹ Instruct a wise man and he will be wiser still; teach a righteous man and he will add to his learning.

Characteristics of Wise People

1. Wise people fear the Lord.

Proverbs 9:10 (NIV)

¹⁰ "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Proverbs 14:26-27 (NIV)

²⁶ He who fears the LORD has a secure fortress, and for his children it will be a refuge. ²⁷ The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, turning a man from the snares of death.

2. Wise people seek instruction and are open to correction.

Proverbs 10:17 (NIV)

¹⁷ He who heeds discipline shows the way to life, but whoever ignores correction leads others astray.

1. Wise people fear the Lord.

Proverbs 14:16 (NIV)

¹⁶ A wise man fears the LORD and shuns evil, but a fool is hotheaded and reckless.

Proverbs 11:30 (NIV)

³⁰ The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise.

3. Wise people make friends with wise people.

2 Timothy 2:22 (NIV)

²² Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

Proverbs 13:20 (NIV)

²⁰ He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm.

4. Wise people are diligent and disciplined people.

Proverbs 6:6-8 (NIV)

⁶ Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! ⁷ It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, ⁸ yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest.

Characteristics of Wicked People

1. Wicked people are arrogant and prideful.

Proverbs 8:13 (NIV)

¹³ To fear the LORD is to hate evil; I hate pride and arrogance, evil behavior and perverse speech.

4. Wise people are diligent and disciplined people.

Proverbs 10:4-5 (NIV)

⁴ Lazy hands make a man poor, but diligent hands bring wealth.

⁵ He who gathers crops in summer is a wise son, but he who sleeps during harvest is a disgraceful son.

Proverbs 16:23 (NIV)

²³ A wise man's heart guides his mouth, and his lips promote instruction.

Characteristics of Wicked People

1. Wicked people are arrogant and prideful.
2. Wicked people have lying tongues.
3. Wicked people shed innocent blood.
4. Wicked people devise wicked schemes.
5. Wicked people are quick to do evil things.
6. Wicked people give false witness.
7. Wicked people sow discord.

Characteristics of Wicked People

Proverbs 6:16-19 (NIV)

¹⁶ There are six things the LORD hates, seven that are detestable to him:

¹⁷ haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, ¹⁸ a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil,

¹⁹ a false witness who pours out lies and a man who stirs up dissension among brothers.