

Rightly Dividing the Word: The People of Proverbs

Proverbs 1:22

I. The simple needs instruction.

- A. A simple person does not know what is right or wrong.
- B. The simple are those without instruction.
 - 1. Everyone starts as a simple person.
 - 2. Being simple is not a bad thing.
 - 3. The Bible connects simplicity to young people.
- C. Staying simple is a dangerous choice.
- D. The simple need to be pursued.

II. The fool rejects instruction.

- A. A fool knows what is right and chooses to reject it.
- B. There are four words translated as the fool in Proverbs.
- C. A fool rejects knowledge.
- D. A fool hurts those around him.
- E. A fool plays with sin
- F. A fool refuses correction.
- G. A fool should be avoided.

III. The wise heeds instruction.

- A. A wise person knows what is right and chooses to do it.
- B. The wise will listen and respond to instruction.
- C. The wise pursue wisdom.
- D. Wisdom can be chosen as a child.
- E. The wise are grateful for correction.
- F. The wise will be rewarded.

IV. The scorner mocks instruction.

- A. A scorner mocks what is right.
- B. The scorner delights in scorning.
- C. A scorner cannot find wisdom.
- D. A scorner will not hear rebuke.
- E. A scorner is driven by pride.
- F. A scorner should be rejected.
