Message #65 **Proverbs 17:16-28**

WISE PEOPLE BECOME WISER BY LOOKING AT THE ACTIVITY, IMPACT AND DESTINY OF A <u>FOOL</u>.

POINT #1 – Fools have no <u>sense</u> to become wise. **17:16**

The word "fool" speaks of one who is proud, one who establishes himself as a giant. The point of this proverb is that a fool has no real desire to learn.

POINT #2 – Certain people will never <u>desert</u> you. **17:17**

A real friend will show his brotherly love in times of great adversity and distress. Why did Solomon include this in a text that deals with fools? Fools never become good friends or brothers.

POINT #3 – Fools do foolish things to <u>impress</u> others. **17:18**

This proverb speaks of taking on the financial responsibility of someone else, apparently just to impress the neighbors or with the neighbors as a witness. In any case, the action is foolish.

POINT #4 – Fools will be punished because they promote <u>sin</u> and <u>self</u>. **17:19**

This verse makes it clear that one who loves strife and contention loves sin and is on a path of destruction.

POINT #5 – Fools will be punished for their <u>mind</u> and <u>speech</u> problem. **17:20**

A fool is one who twists and turns things and is not truthful.

POINT #6 – Fools are an emotional low for their <u>parents</u>. **17:21, 25**

There are two words used for "fool" in **verse 21**: 1) One who is proud and full of self-confidence and one who projects himself as a giant; 2) One who is spiritually dull, with no spiritual sensitivity. This type of child creates sorrows for parents.

POINT #7 – The <u>emotional</u> condition has much to do with one's <u>physical</u> condition. **17:22**
One of the great keys to health is one's emotional status.

POINT #8 – A wicked man can be bought with <u>money</u>. **17:23**

A wicked judge can be bought and will twist justice for the right amount of money.

POINT #9 – Fools never find <u>wisdom</u>. **17:24**

POINT #10 – Fools punish <u>innocent</u> people. **17:26**

POINT #11 – Wise people are <u>restrained</u> in speech and personality. **17:27-28**

Fools are mouthy, impulsive, and explosive, whereas the wise are controlled.