

## **A Spiritual Self Evaluation:**

### ***The Challenge from Solomon is Self-Evaluation***

(Proverbs 1:22) (Simple, Scorners, Fool)

*How long... ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity?*

*How long... will ye scorers delight in their scorning,*

*How long... will ye fools hate knowledge?*

### **Simple Person:** (Vs 22)

Does not mean a mental handicap.

Simple means. Literally~ Having space.

In other words, they have not made up there mind yet.

They have no firm convictions.

Open to any influence equally.

Easily Allured or Deceived.

Simple is the opposite of Prudent.

**Scorner:** (Vs 22) They delight in their scorner.

The scorner is resisting revealed truth.

The scorner likes to bring reproach upon authority.

He hears what God says but resists it. A True Critic.

The scorner is dangerous b/c they influence others.

Casting them out is our only option. (Prov 22:10)

What if we went OT on them, & stone them to death?

**Fool**=Rejects the Word of God.

(Ps 14:1) *The fool hath said in his heart there is no God.*

Do We say no to God?

***Fools are determined in going their way.***

(Prov 12:15) *The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.*

He/She has all the Answers.

He/She needs no one else's counsel.

He/She doesn't care what others think about him/her.

He/She is apathetic @ what God thinks about him/her.

He/She is Unwilling to learn.

*Illus: Experience is the best teacher.*

*Even then won't admit they are wrong. lays blame on others.*

***You can't help a fool.*** (Prov 14:7)

**Wise Man:** (Proverbs 1:5)

*A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:*

They are Responding to the Word of God.

Hear Learning: Receive it

Increase Learning: Take it to heart

Attain: Seek after

***Is This You & I?***

***Do You Like Your Life?***

How are things going?

If you had the ability to change things, would you?