**Living Wisely – Pr. 26**

**Focal Truth: Honor is not fitting for a fool – Sinfulness is foolishness**

**Sacred similarities – Wise Comparisons**

**Rom. 1:22 – *professing to be wise, they became fools***

1. **Foolish ways of fools – 1 -12**
2. Foolish ways are do not compliment honorable ways
3. Curses without a cause fly away like a bird
4. The rod of discipline is for fools
5. Do not answer fools you will be like the fool
6. Answer fools according to their foolish ways so that they don’t think they are wise
7. Pain & problems come when you send the fool to do a job
8. *Like a pebble in a sling, so is paying honor to a dullard* – Aramaic
9. *Sayings of fools are like drunkards with a thorn bush in their hands* – NLT
10. Like an archer who shoots and hurts everyone so is the one who hires a fool
11. Like dogs return to vomit – fools return to their foolishness
12. Self – righteousness is worse than foolishness
13. **Foolish ways of the lazy – 13 -16**
14. Lazy people tell lies to hide their laziness
15. Lazy people live in the bed
16. Lazy people are exhausted even when they try to eat
17. Lazy people are self – assured – they consider themselves wiser than the wise
18. **Foolish ways of meddlers, hypocrites & fighting – 17 -21**
19. Meddling in others business is dangerous like taking a dog by the ears
20. Deception is like madness – it causes danger to others
21. Deceivers when they are caught always make an excuse for their lies – “I was only joking”
22. **Foolish ways of gossips & slanderers – 22 -23**
23. The absence of gossips removes arguments & disagreements
24. Gossip is like sweets that go down easy when they are eaten
25. *Base silver laid over earthenware are the ardent lips of an evil mind* – Aramaic
26. **Foolish ways of the hater – 24 – 28**
27. The hater hides his hatred with his words, but has deceit in his mind
28. The hater speaks graciously but has deep hatred for you in his mind
29. The haters hatred will be known by others in time – *His hatred may be concealed by dissimulation, but his evil will be exposed to public view* – Aramaic
30. The hater who seeks to harm others will be harmed himself
31. The hater who lies hates those crushed by their lies
32. Smooth speech throws one down

1 John 2:9 – *the one who says he is in the Light and yet hates his brother is in the darkness until now*

1 John 4:20 – *if someone says, I love God and hates his brother, he is a liar…*

**Things to Remember & Do**

1. Resist the devil and he will flee from you
2. Watch and pray that you are not tempted
3. Understand the devil the adversary & his schemes to tempt you to sin
4. Don’t believe the lies of the devil – live on the truth of God’s word

John8:44 – *He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies*