

Day 9

For Related Study...

- Proverbs 13:16
- Proverbs 14:8
- Proverbs 14:18
- Ecclesiastes 5:1

Proverbs 14:15

15 The simple believes every word,
But the prudent considers well his
steps.

Thoughts:

One sign of wisdom is shown when a person is able to consider all sides of a situation or an issue before jumping into a conclusion on the matter. The one who is *simple* (otherwise known as the *fool* in the Proverbs) hears one thing, and believes it to be true. He has no ability to discern the difference between what is right, and what is wrong. He believes everything he is told without question!

The wise person will carefully consider his options before moving forward, before taking his *steps*. Such caution will enable him to make a much better decision, and will keep him from jumping to the wrong conclusions when he must make a judgment.

This exercising of wisdom will be invaluable in navigating interpersonal relationships, but it is also important in discerning truth when it comes to biblical matters. There are many who are dissuaded away from truth because they listen to any and every doctrine that comes along (Ephesians 4:14). Instead, believers should be maturing, learning to implement knowledge and wisdom in such a way as to ensure they are following the true revealed word of the Lord (Hebrews 5:14).

Application:

How do we respond to what we hear in the world around us? Are we quick to repost materials to social media that turns out to be inaccurate? Do we believe everything that we hear, as long as it supports what we already want to accept? Are we drawn away from truth by those who would teach false doctrine because we are easily deceived? Let us be cautious in how we process information, and evaluate it honestly, lest we end up in the company of fools!