



Lesson 67: Wisdom vs Foolishness

Scriptural Basis:



1 Samuel 25

Overview:

David seeks compensation from Nabal in return for the protection he and his 600 men provided by camping around Nabal's shepherds and herds out in the fields. Nabal (whose name means fool) said no way. Then, through God's providence in protecting David from committing a senseless mistake, Nabal's wife, Abigail rights her husband's wrong by bringing enough food and supplies to David's men to compensate them for their work.

Things to consider:

Both Nabal and David act foolishly in this story. Nabal for being selfish, and David for his impetuous reaction to kill Nabal's entire household.

Abigail's actions put God's wisdom on display.

The gospel in the story:



The Lord saved David from making a grave mistake, even though David didn't deserve it. This is yet another glimpse at God's graciousness. It gives us insight into the good news of Jesus, who gave His life for an undeserving people.

Bible Study for Preparation:



Read 1 Samuel 25. This story, like all the rest in the Bible, is about God. In this instance we see God protecting David from making the grave mistake of killing innocent people. God had empowered David to be a mighty warrior for the purpose of eliminating God's enemies, but in this case, David was about to abuse his power and make a huge mistake of revenge-killing his enemy. We also see an important element of God's character on display in Abigail's actions – wisdom.

Teaching the lesson:

- A: Review – Last week – David Spares Saul
- B: Bible verse memory activity
- C. Story
- D. Additional activity