

ZERO TOLERANCE FOR FOOLISHNESS

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(Ecclesiastes 10:1)

Life is too short to entertain foolishness. You cannot afford to spend time with foolish people. You cannot afford to waste your energy on foolish activities. You cannot afford to entertain foolish council. You cannot afford to be foolish! The price of being foolish is bankruptcy. Foolishness will take everything you have and give you nothing back.

IF YOU CAN TOLERATE FOOLISHNESS,
YOU WILL NEVER GROW IN WISDOM.

Wisdom makes you prosperous. Wisdom brings you honor. Wisdom makes you great. Wisdom will take care of you. Wisdom will protect you. When you are able to

tolerate a **LITTLE** foolishness you will disqualify yourself from receiving the benefits wisdom can give you. It does not take an abundance of foolishness to ruin you. A **LITTLE** foolishness will ruin you. This is why you must develop a zero tolerance for foolishness because if you do not, the devil will take that inch and turn it into a mile.

Ephesians 4:27

“Neither give place to the devil.”

(Entertaining a little foolishness will allow the devil to influence you to be foolish.)

IT DOESN'T TAKE A LOT

(Ecclesiastes 10:1)

An intellectual person can lose a valuable opportunity if they decide to entertain a **LITTLE** foolishness. A well-intentioned person will lose their credibility if they decide to entertain a **LITTLE** foolishness. A wise person can damage their reputation if they decide to entertain a

LITTLE foolishness. Please keep this in mind. The small things have the propensity to change big things.

If you add a **DROP** of oil into a glass of water the water will turn black. If you receive bad advice from **ONE** person it will hinder your purpose. If you add a **LITTLE** salt to your food it would change the flavor. Little things can have a significant impact on big things. In Ecclesiastes 10:1 the scripture says, "*Dead flies can make even perfume stink. In the same way, a **LITTLE** foolishness can spoil wisdom.*"

Good people have experienced bad things because they tolerated a little foolishness. Connecting with one foolish friend can cause you to endure a lifetime of pain. Think about it. How many good men are in prison because they were an **ACCESSORY** to a crime? Tolerating **ONE** foolish person can alter your entire life. The most important thing you can do for yourself is **PURSUE** Wisdom. However, while pursuing wisdom you must avoid foolishness. **YOUR**

WISDOM IS ONLY AS GOOD AS THE FOOLISHNESS YOU AVOID.

In order to protect the wisdom you are gaining you will need to remove yourself from foolish people and foolish conversations. You may find this difficult to do because it will cause you to lose long term friendships. It will create rifts in your family and people's perception of you will change. Do not be alarmed what will transpire when you begin to avoid foolishness because it is part of the process of preserving the quality of your wisdom.

It may seem like you are losing something significant, when in actuality you are gaining someone powerful. The person whom you will gain as you **REMOVE** yourself from foolishness is lady wisdom. When you have a zero tolerance for foolishness your wisdom will be pure. It will not be contaminated, polluted or distorted.

WHAT IS POLLUTED WISDOM?

Polluted wisdom is when you **MIX** the logic of men with the wisdom of God. 1st Corinthians 3:18-19 says, "*Do not fool yourselves. If you think you are wise in this world, you should become a fool so that you can become truly wise, because the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. It is written in the scriptures, "He catches those who are wise in their own clever traps."* When you combine the wisdom of God with the logic of men, you come up with human wisdom which equates to foolishness.

This is primarily the reason why the people of the world are extremely foolish. You will find many people applying a righteous principle **WITHIN** a foolish context. For example, it is wise to be a loyal person because loyalty will make you trustworthy. Unfortunately, many people are loyal to what is foolish.

People are loyal to churches who abuse their generosity. They are loyal to spouses who constantly cheat on them

and they are loyal to family members who constantly use them. Having tolerance for a **LITTLE** foolishness will bring you to a state of confusion because you will continue to do the right thing in the wrong way. When you tolerate a **LITTLE** foolishness you will make decisions that are imbalanced, inaccurate and lop-sided.

WISDOM IS A POTENT SUBSTANCE! DO NOT
DILUTE IT BY ENTERTAINING A LITTLE
FOOLISHNESS.

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