

# 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 counsel. 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. If you can tolerate a little foolishness the enemy will cause **MASSIVE** destruction.

Ephesians 4:27

“Neither give place to the devil.”

(Entertaining a little foolishness will allow the devil to bring destruction.)

## 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. 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 progress. If you add a **LITTLE** salt to your food it would change the flavor. Little things impact major things. Ecclesiastes 10:1 says, "*Dead files 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 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 attaining you need to remove yourself from foolish people. Doing this will be very difficult. It may cause you to lose long term friendships. It will create problems within the family.

People's perception of you will change. You will be persecuted while you are removing yourself from foolishness. The persecution you will endure will **NOT** compare to the Wisdom you will attain. When you have zero tolerance for foolishness your wisdom will be pure.

## 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 why carnal people 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. Loyalty breeds trustworthiness. Unfortunately, many people are loyal to what is foolish.

People are loyal to churches who abuse their generosity. People are loyal to spouses who constantly cheat on them. People are loyal to family members who continuously 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 ineffective.

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

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