

The Mistakes Of Nabal

Nabal was a fool !

1 Sam. 25:25

"Let not my lord, I pray thee, regard this worthless fellow, even Nabal; for as his name is, so is he; Nabal is his name, and folly is with him"

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Nabal was selfish.

1 Sam. 25:10-11

Did not appreciate his good wife, Abigail. cf. Prov. 31

1 Sam. 25:3 "Good understanding" ... "Beautiful"

1 Sam. 25:18 Generous.

1 Sam. 25:26ff Knowledgeable.

1 Sam. 25:36ff Prudent to a Foolish husband.

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Those who won't listen to advice.

Prov. 1:7; 23:9; 1:22; 12:15; 28:26. (cf. 1 Kgs. 12:6-15)

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Those who pay no attention to warnings.

Prov. 14:16; 22:3; 13:19; 10:23; 26:11

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Those who believe everything they hear.

- The wise investigate; fools don't (Prov. 14:15).
- Some believe everything they hear in religion, but they are wrong in doing so. (cf.. Mt. 7:15; 1 Jno. 4:1)
- The attitude of a wise man is demonstrated by the people of Berea (Acts. 17:11)
- Wise men "prove all things." (1 Thess. 5:21)

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➤ Those who mock at sin. Prov. 14:9

- The fool sins without remorse or blushing. (Jer. 8:12; 6:15)
 - Sin is a serious thing. It is rebellion against God and it separates one from God. (Isa. 59:1-2) Yet many treat it lightly.
 - Such cannot escape the wrath of God. (Gal. 6:7-8)

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➤ Those who are contentious and get mad easily.
Prov. 18:6; 14:7; 27:3; Eccl. 7:9

- A wise man is slow to wrath. (Jms. 1:18-21)

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Those who talk too much.

Eccl. 10:14; 10:12; 5:2,3; Prov. 10:19; 18:7

- Our words can produce either good or evil, depending upon the heart from which they proceed. (Mt. 12:35-37)
- We must be careful how we use our tongue. (Jms. 3:5ff)

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Those who are deceived by strong drink.

Prov. 20:1; 23:29-32; Gal. 5:19ff; cf. 1 Pet. 4:3

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"Winebibbings"

- An overflow (or surplus) of wine, i.e. vinolency (drunkenness): (Strong);
- "Drunkenness," implying the consumption of a large quantity of wine. (Greek-English Lexicon...)
- "Debauchery since it is an extravagant indulgence in long, drawn-out drinking bouts which may induce permanent damage to the body." (The Complete Word Study Dictionary)

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"Revellings"

- Drinking parties involving unrestrained indulgence in alcoholic beverages and accompanying immoral behavior. (Greek-English Lexicon) NT:2970
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- In the Greek writings properly, a nocturnal and riotous procession of half-drunken and frolicsome fellows. (Thayer)

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"Carousings"

- Gk. word "potos" which is translated *"drinking parties"* (NASB) in 1 Peter 4:3 means "the opportunity of drinking, the banquet, *not necessarily excessive drinking* but giving opportunity for excess...it marks a step in advance of drunkenness, and is clearly condemned in that passage ..." (Zodhiates Lexical Aids To The New Testament)

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Those who say in their hearts that there is no God.

Ps. 14:1

- The Gentile world before Christ demonstrated this truth.
Rom. 1:18-28; Ps. 115:4-8; Isa. 44:9-20

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Those who will not obey. **Mt. 7:21-27**

Jesus divides humanity into two classes:
Wise and Foolish. (cf. **2 Thess. 1:7ff; Rom. 2:8-9**)

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You Have A Choice... Don't Be A Fool Like Nabal !

- If YOU would gain the favor of God, HE must be first in your life – NOT SELF! (**Mt. 16:24**)
- The Bible teaches that those who fail to make adequate preparation, who lay up treasures for themselves, but are not rich toward God, are fools. (**Mt. 25:1-13; Lk. 12:16-21**)
- May the mistakes of Nabal serve as a warning for us!