

Don't Be Foolish

(Proverbs 3:35)

- Introduction:
1. The Bible is a book of examples — some serving as patterns, while others serve as warnings.
 2. (1 Corinthians 10).
 3. In this lesson, let us examine the legacy of several foolish people and make some application to our own life.

I. Ahithophel — A Legacy Of Self Spite

- A. (2 Samuel 15-17).
- B. Ahithophel was a trusted advisor to King David, whose judgment was highly respected (2 Samuel 16:23).
- C. However, he deserted David and followed Absalom in his rebellion.
- D. On one occasion, Absalom sought and rejected his advice.
- E. Thus, Ahithophel went home and hanged himself (2 Samuel 17:23).
- F. Do people in the church ever overreact when they do not get their way?
- G. Do people in the church ever hurt themselves to make a point?

II. Nabal — A Legacy Of Disrespect

- A. (1 Samuel 25).
- B. Nabal refused to express proper respect to David for his protection and leadership he had provided.
- C. Nabal refused to respect David for who he was and what he had done for him (1 Samuel 25:10, 15-16).
- D. Do people in the church fail to honor and give the kind of respect due to our spiritual leaders?
 1. We owe our spiritual shepherds esteem (1 Thess. 5:12-13), submission & obedience (Hebrews 13:17), and protection (1 Timothy 5:19).

III. Elymas — A Legacy Of Obstruction

- A. (Acts 13:6-13).
- B. Elymas attempted to obstruct the conversion of Sergius Paulus.
- C. Do Christians ever stand in the way of others obeying and living the Christian life?
 1. Through hypocrisy.
 2. Through words.
- D. (Luke 17:1-2).

- Conclusion:
1. The Bible contains a legacy of wise and foolish men.
 2. What is the legacy you are leaving?