

FIRST SAMUEL STUDY

CHAPTER 25:1-44

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“HOW TO HANDLE THE FOOL”

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

1 Samuel 25:1-44

Chapter(s) Background & Summation

This Chapter is one of those that makes you see the blunt honesty of the Bible. The Holy Spirit Himself, is the Spirit of Truth. And here in this chapter we see the biblical account of David, through a man after God’s own heart, a man nonetheless like you and I. A man prone to his humanity and a man prone to his passions. You would argue. “For good reason” because David was ill-treated. But God has shown us His nature and has revealed to His will through His Word and that Word is – That God does not judge according to appearance!

Our Human Nature

is Always Tempted to Seek its Own First

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

HOW TO HANDLE THE FOOL

1.) Know that Life will have its fools

vv. 1-9

Even though David was in the wilderness and a Fugitive from Saul. -
Wherever he went, he was a blessing to others around him!

Life will have its fools

1a.) But not for a lack of *examples*

vv. 1

Verse 1

Then Samuel died; and the Israelites gathered together and lamented for him, and buried him at his home in Ramah. And David arose and went down to the Wilderness of Paran.

A Witness Dies – Yet Lives On!

The Life of a Wise man is a powerful Example
To all those who look on.

GODLY EXAMPLES ARE INSPIRATIONS!

Unfortunately

Saul had Ignored the Example of Samuel and here we shall see
that Nabal ignored the example of David

When we ignore or Neglect to Embrace a Godly Example
We are acting like a fool. To live your life ignoring Godly examples,
that is to become a Fool.

Philippians 4:9

The things which you **learned** and **received** and **heard** and **saw** in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 3:17

Join with others in **following my example**, brothers, and **take note** of those who live according to **the pattern** we gave you.

1 Corinthians 11:1

Imitate me, just as I also **imitate** Christ.

IMITATE

Imitate GRK 3402 *mimetes* (mim-ay-tace');
A mime or mimick. One who shadows, or takes on the form of a another. To copy. To duplicate. To "Reproduce a Likeness" of someone admired.

A Role Model or Hero

Life will have its fools

1b.) But not for a lack of blessings

vv. 2-3

Verse 2-3

Now there was a man in Maon whose business was in Carmel, and the man was very rich. He had three thousand sheep and a thousand goats. And he was shearing his sheep in Carmel. 3 The name of the man was Nabal, and the name of his wife Abigail. And she was a woman of good understanding and beautiful appearance; but the man was harsh and evil in his doings. And he was of the house of Caleb.

HOW TO HANDLE THE FOOL

2.) Know that Fools lack a thankful heart

vv. 4-9

Know that Fools lack a Thankful Heart

2a.) They don't care about anyone else

vv. 4-5

Verse 4-5

When David heard in the wilderness that Nabal was shearing his sheep,5 David sent ten young men; and David said to the young men, "Go up to Carmel, go to Nabal, and greet him in my name.

"In My Name"

in my authority, my office, my power

Nabal lived for only one name – His Name

Nabal HEB 5037 naw-bawl'
Fool or Head or Chief Fool – a Big One

A "mark" of a fool

Is a man who is self-absorbed - A man who is excited, energetic, and dynamic = for the things that only interest him.

Know that Fools lack a thankful heart

2b.) They don't understand what they have

vv. 6

Verse 6

"And thus, you shall say to him who lives in prosperity: 'Peace be to you, peace to your house, and peace to all that you have!

Peace, Peace, Peace

The Fool Says;

I Have My Own Resources, My Own Abilities. My Own Powers

Know that Fools lack a thankful heart

Verse 7-9

'Now I have heard that you have shearers. Your shepherds were with us, and we did not hurt them, nor was there anything missing from them all the while they were in Carmel. 8 'Ask your young men, and they will tell you. Therefore, let my young men find favor in your eyes, for we come on a feast day. Please give whatever comes to your hand to your servants and to your son David.'" 9 So when David's young men came, they spoke to Nabal according to all these words in the name of David and waited.

**David Had Been a Blessing to Others
(Even Nabal's Servants)**

Philippians 3:18-19

For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: 19 whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame-- who set their mind on earthly things.

Note:

**Never "Expect Another" to Provide for You. If God touches someone's heart – and they bless you, – thank God for them,
But never "expect it, demand it, assume to receive it"**

Acts 20:28-29

"Therefore, take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. 29 "For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock.

1 Timothy 6:4-5

this type of man - he is conceited and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy interest in controversies and quarrels about words that result in envy, strife, malicious talk, evil suspicions 5 and constant friction between men of corrupt mind, who have been robbed of the truth and who think that gospel is a means to financial gain.

HOW TO HANDLE THE FOOL

3.) Know that a fool will resist you

vv. 10-13

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3a.) With Insult, Slander, & Mockery

vv. 10-11

Verse 10-11

Then Nabal answered David's servants, and said, "Who is David, and who is the son of Jesse? There are many servants nowadays who break away each one from his master. 11 "Shall I then take my bread and my water and my meat that I have killed for my shearers, and give it to men when I do not know where they are from?"

The Insult

"Who is David, and who is the son of Jesse?"

The Slander

"There are many servants nowadays who break away each one from his master"

The Mockery

"Shall I then take my bread and my water and my meat that I have killed for my shearers, and give it to men when I do not know where they are from?"

How to Handle the Fool

Know that a fool will resist you

3b.) By trying to get the better of us

vv. 12-13

Verse 12-13

So David's young men turned on their heels and went back; and they came and told him all these words. 13 Then David said to his men, "Every man gird on his sword." So every man girded on his sword, and David also girded on his sword. And about four hundred men went with David, and two hundred stayed with the supplies.

Danger Zone:
David is Allowing Sin a Chance to Take Hold.

David - He has not consulted God.

- 1. But - He Feels Totally Justified in Acting!*
- 2. But - God's people deserve better!*
- 3. But - It's Wrong for Nabal to Act this way!*
- 4. Besides - His Name means "Fool"!*

So Killing Him Seems Right On!!!

>>> David, What has Happened to You? <<<

The Fool is in Control of Your Life

He Had Mastered Saul's Attacks – But Nabal's?

*Now I Can See Me (Jack) as Both a David and Nabal
I Am Helpless without the LORD Helping Me*

*David's Name Means;
Beloved or be-loved of God*

*Nabal's Name Means:
The Head Fool or The Empty Head One*

Proverbs 17:12

*Let a man meet a bear robbed of her cubs, rather than a fool in his folly.
**(it's easier to deal with a momma bear looking for her cubs
then to deal with a fool)***

How to Identify a Fool

Proverbs 28:26

He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, but whoever walks wisely will be delivered.

Proverbs 10:8

The wise in heart accept commands, but a chattering fool comes to ruin.

Proverbs 10:18

Whoever hides hatred has lying lips, and whoever spreads slander is a fool.

Proverbs 10:23

To do evil is like a sport to the fool...

Proverbs 12:15

The way of a fool is right in his own eyes...

Proverbs 14:16

A wise man fears the LORD and shuns evil, but a fool is hotheaded and reckless.

Romans 12:21

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Evil must bow in the presences of Good - every time

Don't Let a Fool Get You Sinning

James 1:20

for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

Don't Let a Fool Get You Sinning

But Jack – How???

Let's look to verse 14 through to the end

HOW TO HANDLE THE FOOL

4.) Know that God has His ways

vv.14-17

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4a.) God will expose the fool

vv. 14-17

Verse 14-17

Now one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, saying, "Look, David sent messengers from the wilderness to greet our master; and he reviled them. 15 "But the men were very good to us, and we were not hurt, nor did we miss anything as long as we accompanied them, when we were in the fields. 16 "They were a wall to us both by night and day, all the time we were with them keeping the sheep. 17 "Now therefore, know and consider what you will do, for harm is determined against our master and against all his household. For he is such a scoundrel (son of satan) that one cannot speak to him."

God will expose the fool = by telling his wife!

Sin Unrepented of, will be Exposed

**If we refuse to confess our sin to God,
He will "Pressure" us or "Encourage" us to Confess**

Numbers 32:23

*...take note, you who have sinned against the LORD; and be sure of this - - your sin will **find you out**. (Sin will run after you – chase you down – trip you up)*

Unless it is Confessed to God and Repented of

Luke 12:2-3

"For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, nor hidden that will not be known. 3 "Therefore whatever you have spoken in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have spoken in the ear in inner rooms will be proclaimed on the housetops.

Unless You Repent of It

Know that God has His ways

4b.) God will judge the sin

vv. 18-22

Verse 18-22

GOD WILL ESTABLISH HIS JUSTICE, HIS WAY AND IN HIS TIME

Then Abigail made haste and took two hundred loaves of bread, two skins of wine, five sheep already dressed, five seahs of roasted grain, one hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and loaded them on donkeys. 19 And she said to her servants, "Go on before me see I am coming after you." But she did not tell her husband Nabal. 20 So it was, as she rode on the donkey, that she went down under cover of the hill; and there were David and his men, coming down toward her, and she met them. 21 Now David had said, "Surely in vain I have protected all that this fellow has in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that belongs to him. And he has repaid me evil for good. 22 "May God do so, and more also, to the enemies of David, if I leave one male of all who belong to him by morning light."

Here is That Example of the Believer Through Abigail

- She **Rewards** David and His Men - *for Their Goodness*
- She **Intercedes** - *for Her idiot Husband*
- And **Exhibits** - *the Heart of God*

Matthew 5:9

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Romans 12:18

If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.

She is Very Much Like Christ Here