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“Ignoring *God’s Wisdom* Leads to Folly”

Part II

Folly is not a word often heard or readily used in English-speaking cultures. It means: A foolish state or quality of mind... ¹ Folly is also synonymous with other words i.e. foolishness, madness, idiocy, silliness, craziness, recklessness, irrationalness, and stupidly to name a few.

“The fool hath said in his heart, *There* is no God...”

Psalms 14:1

“Happy is the man that finds wisdom, and the man that gets understanding. For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. She is more precious

¹ The Little & Ives Webster Dictionary & Home Reference Library, {International Ed.} New York, J. J. Little & Ives Co., Inc., 1957, p. 509.

than rubies; and all the things you can desire do not compare to her.” Proverbs 3:13-15

Solomon is clearly stating that true ‘Godly Wisdom’ is paramount, and should be sought after rather than precious metals or pricey jewels that lead to folly. Material gain, and extravagance does not compare to it, {Godly Wisdom}, which he learned from the apostasy of his youth.

Happy is the man

“Having been chastened by the Father, the child has found the way of blessing and is now continuing to draw out understanding from the rich stores of heavenly knowledge.

All blessings are available to the man who has begun with the fear of the Lord, has progressed to wisdom, and is now drinking from a spring of over-flowing water of life.”² Matthew 6 tells us to **seek the kingdom of God first and His**

² Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary, Vol. 3, pp. 956, 957.

righteousness and all of life's simple necessities will be provided. ³

What does that mean for us?

Obvious Signs Do Tell the Season

So many people, {especially young people} today are seeking for that temporal happiness that riches and fame appear to bring for a little season, if only they would seek God first.

TV programming that promote riches, fame, and stardom are numerous, i.e. 'American idol,' 'Who Wants to be a Millionaire,' 'Let's Make A Deal,' etc.

Gambling Casinos that are responsible for destroying families are being constructed in all of our major cities, the lottery, and vice is captivating the minds of all those looking for instant gratification, the pleasures of this life that "worldly entertainment seems to offer—all signs of Jesus' soon return!

³ Matthew 6:24-33

Is our quest for the finer things in this life, and the pursuit of ‘Worldly Happiness’ leading us to the road of folly, and recklessness instead of the road of wisdom that comes from God only? There’s time to get back to God’s Wisdom—which time is now!

“I’d Rather Have Jesus” ⁴

I’d rather have Jesus than silver or gold,
I’d rather be His than have riches untold;
I’d rather have Jesus than houses or lands, I’d
rather be led by his nail-pierced hand.

Refrain

Than to be the king of a vast domain
Or be held in sins dread sway
I’d rather have Jesus than anything
This world affords today.

AMEN!



⁴ I’d Rather Have Jesus, SDA Church Hymnal # 327.