



BE NOT WISE

Proverbs 3:7&8 [ESV]

“Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones.”

Scripture Study

Being wise in our eyes is **thinking that we are so smart we can ignore what God has said in His Word**. That is dangerous and can lead to great harm and even sin. Proverbs 14:12 says, *“There is a way that seems right to a man, but it’s end is the way to death.”* That is where giving in to sin usually starts, **being wise in our own eyes**, or thinking we know better than God. That is what happened with Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden. God told them what not to do and what was best, but they decided to not listen to God, and instead followed what the serpent told them and what seemed good and right to them. The consequences were terrible. Being wise in our own eyes is not a good place to be. Let us instead fear the Lord. In Proverbs chapter 8 it says, *“The fear of the LORD is hatred of evil.”* When we **fear the Lord and turn from what is evil**, it will be good for us – as the Bible says, it will be *healing to our flesh and refreshment to our bones*.

Review Questions

What does it mean to be wise in our own eyes?

Where does giving in to sin usually start?

What should we do that will be *healing to our flesh and refreshment to our bones*?

Suggested Prayer

Lord, I pray that, by Your grace, we would fear You in the way that You are worthy, particularly as we reflect on your Word and respond to it, not considering ourselves to be wise, but turning from what is evil – and thank you, Lord, that You have promised good to us when we live this way. In Jesus name, amen.