

## **“Fool Hearted”**

**“The fool says in his heart, ‘There is no God....’” (Psalm 53:1)**

### **Nabal = Fool**

**1 Samuel 25:1-13** – (1) “...Then David rose and went down to the wilderness of Paran. (2) And there was a man in Maon whose business was in Carmel. The man was very rich; he had three thousand sheep and a thousand goats. He was shearing his sheep in Carmel. (3) Now the name of the man was Nabal, and the name of his wife Abigail. The woman was discerning and beautiful, but the man was harsh and badly behaved; he was a Calebite. (4) David heard in the wilderness that Nabal was shearing his sheep. (5) So David sent ten young men. And David said to the young men, ‘Go up to Carmel, and go to Nabal and greet him in my name. (6) And thus you shall greet him: ‘Peace be to you, and peace be to your house, and peace be to all that you have. (7) I hear that you have shearers. Now your shepherds have been with us, and we did them no harm, and they missed nothing all the time 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 you have at hand to your servants and to your son David.’ (9) When David’s young men came, they said all this to Nabal in the name of David, and then they waited. (10) And Nabal answered David’s servants, ‘Who is David? Who is the son of Jesse? There are many servants these days who are breaking away from their masters. (11) Shall I take my bread and my water and my meat that I have killed for my shearers and give it to men who come from I do not know where?’ (12) So David’s young men turned away and came back and told him all this. (13) And David said to his men, ‘Every man strap on his sword!’ And every man of them strapped on his sword. David also strapped on his sword. And about four hundred men went up after David, while two hundred remained with the baggage.”

### **Soft Hearted “Savior”**

**1 Samuel 25:23-25** – (23) “When Abigail saw David, she hurried and got down from the donkey and fell before David on her face and bowed to the ground. (24) She fell at his feet and said, ‘On me alone, my lord, be the guilt. Please let your servant speak in your ears, and hear the words of your servant. (25) Let not my lord regard this worthless fellow, Nabal, for as his name is, so is he. Nabal is his name, and folly is with him. But I your servant did not see the young men of my lord, whom you sent.”

### **Stone Heart**

**1 Samuel 25:36-38** – (36) “And Abigail came to Nabal, and behold, he was holding a feast in his house, like the feast of a king. And Nabal’s heart was merry within him, for he was very drunk. So she told him nothing at all until the morning light. (37) In the morning, when the wine had gone out of Nabal, his wife told him these things, and his heart died

within him, and he became as a stone. (38) And about ten days later the LORD struck Nabal, and he died.”

## **Signs of Fool-Heartedness**

**(1) Haughty & Harsh/Stubborn & Stupid (verse 3)**

**(2) Dismissive & Derogatory (verse 10)**

**(3) Excessive & Appetite Driven (verse 36)**

## **Reversing Fool-Heartedness (How not to be a Nabal)**

**(1) Receive the Rod**

Proverbs 22:15 – “Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline drives it far from him.”

**(2) Have a Heart for Others**

Philippians 2:4-5 – (4) “Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. (5) Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus.”

**(3) Repent**

Joel 2:12-14 – (12) “‘Yet even now,’ declares the LORD, ‘return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; (13) and rend your hearts and not your garments.’ Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster. (14) Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD your God?”

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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