



# THE WISDOM OF MAKING AMENDS

A Thorough Exposition of PROVERBS 14:8,9

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## CHECK OUT THESE 7 TRANSLATIONS - Listen to the Message!!

1. The wisdom of the prudent is to give thought to their ways, but the folly of fools is deception. Fools mock at making amends for sin, but goodwill is found among the upright. (NIV)
2. The prudent understand where they are going, but fools deceive themselves. Fools make fun of guilt, but the godly acknowledge it and seek reconciliation. (NLT)
3. The wisdom of the wise keeps life on track; the foolishness of fools lands them in the ditch. The stupid ridicule right and wrong, but a moral life is a favored life. (MSG)
4. The wisdom of the sensible is to understand his way, But the foolishness of [short-sighted] fools is deceit. Fools mock sin [but sin mocks the fools], But among the upright there is good will *and* the favor *and* blessing of God. (AMP)
5. The wisdom of the prudent is to discern his way, but the folly of fools is deceiving. Fools mock at the guilt offering, but the upright enjoy acceptance. (ESV)
6. The wisdom of the prudent *is* to understand his way, But the folly of fools *is* deceit. Fools mock at sin, But among the upright *there is* favor. (NKJV)
7. For the wisdom of the wise will keep life on the right track, while the fool only deceives himself and refuses to face reality. Fools mock the need for repentance, while the favor of God rests upon all his lovers. (TPT)

# THE WISDOM OF MAKING AMENDS

## 1. THE WISDOM OF WISE DIRECTION:

Prudent is applied wisdom. It is sensible, practical wisdom like 'Street Smart' or evidence of 'Life Experience'. The Truly WISE...

- GIVE THOUGHT TO THEIR WAYS
- KNOW WHERE THEY ARE GOING
- SHOW SENSIBILITY
- UNDERSTANDS THE WAY
- SHOWS DISCERNMENT
- KEEP THEIR LIFE ON TRACK

**CONCLUSION:** The wise have a good and effective game plan that honours God and shows sensibility, discernment and understanding. They "Get It". They "Show It".

## 2. THE WARNING OF FOOLISH WAYWARDNESS:

The way of the FOOL, the foolishness of the fool...

- SELF-DECEPTION - lies to themselves
- CLEAR DECEIT - lies to others
- WON'T FACE REALITY
- LANDS THEM IN THE DITCH

**CONCLUSION:** Fools lie to themselves and others and continue to make poor and selfish choices that lead them in a really bad direction for both themselves and others.

## 3. FOOLS MOCK MAKING THINGS RIGHT

They MAKE FUN OF and RIDICULE...

- RIGHT & WRONG
- THEIR OWN SIN
- SENSE OF GUILT
- MAKING AMENDS
- NEED FOR REPENTENCE

**CONCLUSION:** Fools minimize doing what is right, don't own their mistakes, won't apologize, won't make amends and rarely confess their sin to God in repentance.

## 4. THE UPRIGHT MAKE AMENDS (Godly, Lovers of God's way)

- Finds Goodwill with Others
- Their Moral Life is a favoured & Respected Life
- The godly acknowledge their wrong-doing and seek reconciliation
- But among the upright there is good will *and* the favor *and* blessing of God.
- the upright enjoy acceptance.  
while the favor of God rests upon all his lovers.

**CONCLUSION:** The Wise (upright, Godly, Lovers of God) own their mistakes, apologize sincerely, make amends, seek forgiveness, make restitution and work to earn trust back.

**WHAT PATH ARE YOU ON?**