

Learning to Live the Gospel Life
Proverbs 12:1-28

Our world looks much like the world of the Israelites at the end of the book of Judges. “In those days, there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes,” (Judges 21:25). Relativism is not something new. Throughout its history, humanity has struggled with the concept of right and wrong. We are at a point now where we wonder if there even is such a thing.

1. The gospel turns our hearts towards _____
 - A. The root of righteousness provides _____
 - B. The house of righteousness provides _____
 - C. The root of righteousness provides _____
2. The gospel transforms the _____
 - A. Foolishness is expressed through _____
 - B. Foolishness is expressed in _____
 - C. Foolishness is expressed in _____
3. The gospel empowers making _____
 - A. We choose _____ with diligence
 - B. We choose _____ that encourage
 - C. We choose _____ carefully

We have a choice in the way we live, but if we try to keep the choice between wisdom and folly within the realm of our human ability, then we will live in frustration and disappointment because wisdom doesn't start with our choice to be good. Wisdom starts with our choice to follow Jesus.

Reflection

How does the gospel turn our hearts towards righteousness? Can our hearts be turned towards righteousness apart from the gospel? What is the interaction between the mind and the heart when it comes to the choices we must make? If you surveyed the gospels, what do you think is the priority of the gospel, a transformed heart or a modification in behavior? If both, then how do these two outcomes interact with each other and which, if any, takes precedence? What areas of your life could be seen as walking in foolishness and what needs to happen to learn to live the gospel life in these areas?