

Some Reactions Are Puzzling

I. Introduction:

A. If you are puzzled as to “why” people foolishly behave sinfully, you’re not alone (**Matthew 15:3, Matthew 21:25, Matthew 22:17-18, Mark 6:1-6, Mark 8:10-12**, etc.).

1. Their way is based on their thinking (**Proverbs 12:15**).
2. Foolishness, of themselves, is the source of sin (**Proverbs 19:3**).
3. We should NOT understand foolishness (**Proverbs 9:6**).

B. Yet, observation of foolishness is educating (**Proverbs 21:11-12**).

1. God expects us to learn from the errors of others (**I Corinthians 10:1-12**).
2. Yet, learn from a distance (**Proverbs 14:7, Proverbs 22:24-25**, and **I Corinthians 15:33**).

II. Body: Fools Don’t Want To Learn (**Proverbs 18:2; 23:9; 24:7**).

A. Sin doesn’t make sense (i.e. **Proverbs 6:20-35**). *vs. 32 esp.

1. Any pleasure sin brings about is temporary (**Hebrews 11:24-26**).
2. Yet, most people love to do it (**Proverbs 2:10-15** and **John 3:19-21**).
3. They love sin, even though it is the “hard [rough] way” (**Proverbs 13:15**).

B. How quickly people dismiss the truth doesn’t make sense (**Matthew 8:28-34**).

1. It doesn’t make sense to hate instruction (**Psalms 50:17**) and to love evil more than good (**Psalms 52:3-4**).
2. It doesn’t make sense to hate being corrected if you’re wrong (**Proverbs 12:1**).
3. For the choice of sin over the truth that saves leads to sure condemnation (**Mark 16:15-16** and **II Thessalonians 1:7-9; 2:10-12**).

C. Turning this to you and I, do your/my choices make sense (**Deuteronomy 32:29**)?

1. When you/I learn the will of God, how quickly do we apply it knowing the consequences if we don't (**Romans 2:1-11**; cf. **Psalms 119:59-60**)?
2. Whose line of thought do you/I consider most (**Proverbs 3:5-7** and **Proverbs 19:20-21**)?
3. How do our decisions effect others in our households (**Proverbs 15:27**)?
4. How much thought do you/I put into our decisions (**Proverbs 15:28**)?
5. How do our choices impact the local congregation (**Galatians 5:7-9**)?
6. What do your/my choices say about our priorities (**Luke 10:38-42**; cf. **Matthew 6:33** and **Colossians 3:1-4**)?
7. Have your decisions led to you being ready for the Lord to come RIGHT NOW (**Matthew 25:1-13**)?

III. Conclusion: React to the truth in a sensible manner (**Revelation 22:13-21**)!