

Questions on Proverbs Chapter 14

1. Verse one speaks of a wise *woman* building her house. Who built her house back in Proverbs 9:1?
2. What is in the mouth of the fool? (v. 3)
3. People are sometimes criticized for buying and owning the things essential for performing work, but what is Solomon's point about oxen and clean troughs? (v. 4)
4. Verses 5 and 25 contrast faithful and false witnesses. What does the true witness accomplish according to verse 25?
5. Why does the scoffer fail to obtain wisdom even when he "seeks" for it? (v. 6)
6. When should you leave the presence of a foolish man? (7)
7. What do fools "mock?" (9)
8. Verse 10 is a great verse to remember when dealing with what types of situations?
 - a. What is the difference between "sympathy" and "empathy?"
 - b. What does Romans 12:15 teach?
9. Verse 12 (restated in 16:25) contains an often cited truth. Why is it so significant?

10. Verse 13 speaks of both laughter and grief. Interestingly, one will often see both at funerals of all places. What is the connection between the two?
11. We began our study of the book of Proverbs reading about the “simple” or “naive.” What does verse 15 of this chapter say that they do?
 - a. In contrast, what does a prudent person do?
12. What is the difference between the wise man and the fool according to verses 16 and 17? (*I mentioned verse 17 only because it adds some definition to the fool's actions of verse 16.*)
13. What does the rich man have plenty of? (20)
14. Verse 21 reminds us of what great commandment in Matthew 22:39?
15. What two types of people are contrasted in verse 23?
16. What gives one strong confidence according to verse 26? (note that there is a difference between *confidence* and *arrogance*)
17. What does *impulsiveness* often lead to? (v. 29)
18. What does *envy* produce? (30)
19. What exalts a nation?