


WISDOM
and
FOLLY

Proverbs 24:9


WISDOM

- The word can refer to expertise (Ex. 28:3; 31:6).
- It can refer to a sense of shrewdness (2 Sam. 20:22; 1 Kgs. 2:6).
- There is a wisdom that is utterly separated from God (Jas. 3:13-15).
- The typical usage is that which begins with the fear of God (Prov. 9:10).
- It is the opposite of wickedness (Prov. 10:23).
- It is displayed in the keeping of God's commands (Deut. 4:6).

FOLLY

- Dictionary definition - having or showing a lack of good sense, judgment, or discretion; absurd or ridiculous.
 - There is some of this type of usage in the Bible (Prov. 1:4).
 - There is also a usage that means insanity (1 Sam. 21:13).
 - But it is typically much more serious (Deut. 22:21; Psa. 14:1).
 - It is not a word to use lightly (Matt. 5:22).
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SIN OR FOLLY

- There are degrees of wisdom (1 Cor. 7:28).
 - To say someone is acting foolishly is a serious charge (Matt. 5:22).
 - Attitude may make the difference between sin and naiveté.
 - It may even make the difference between wisdom and folly (2 Cor. 12:11).
 - But one who acts foolishly, acts contrary to God (Prov. 19:3).
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