

“FLOURISHING’S DIRTY LITTLE SECRET”

Series: “Flourishing”, Part 2 of 6

Sunday, June 13, 2021 at 9:00 and 11:00 AM

Text: Miscellaneous Scriptures

Big Idea: We’ve all got some foolishness in us, and we usually have some fools around us, and these two realities frustrate our progress toward flourishing.

I. THE TRAITS OF A FOOL.

“How long will you simple ones love your simple ways? How long will mockers delight in mockery and fools hate knowledge?” - Proverbs 1:22

A. He has opinions about everything and he’s eager to share them.

“The mouth of the fool gushes folly.” -Proverbs 15:2b

A fool finds no pleasure in understanding but delights in airing his own opinions. -Proverbs 18:2

Do not speak to a fool, for he will scorn the wisdom of your words. -Proverbs 23:9

B. In his pride, he’s not open to learning.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline. -Proverbs 1:7

“ ... fools hate knowledge.” -Proverbs 1:22b

The way of a fool seems right to him, but a wise man listens to advice. -Proverbs 12:15

II. THE TRANSFORMATION OF A FOOL.

A. Through our family in the home.

Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but ... discipline will drive it far from him. -Proverbs 22:15a&c

And the first place for that foolishness, that frustrates our flourishing, to be addressed is in the home. -Proverbs 29:15

Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. -Ephesians 6:4

When a mocker is punished, the simple gain wisdom; when a wise man is instructed, he gets knowledge. -Proverbs 21:11

B. Through our friends in the world.

He who rebukes a man will in the end gain more favor than he who has a flattering tongue. -Proverbs 28:23

Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses. -Proverbs 27:6

C. Through our Father in heaven.

My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline and do not resent his rebuke, ¹²because the LORD disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in. -Proverbs 3:11-12