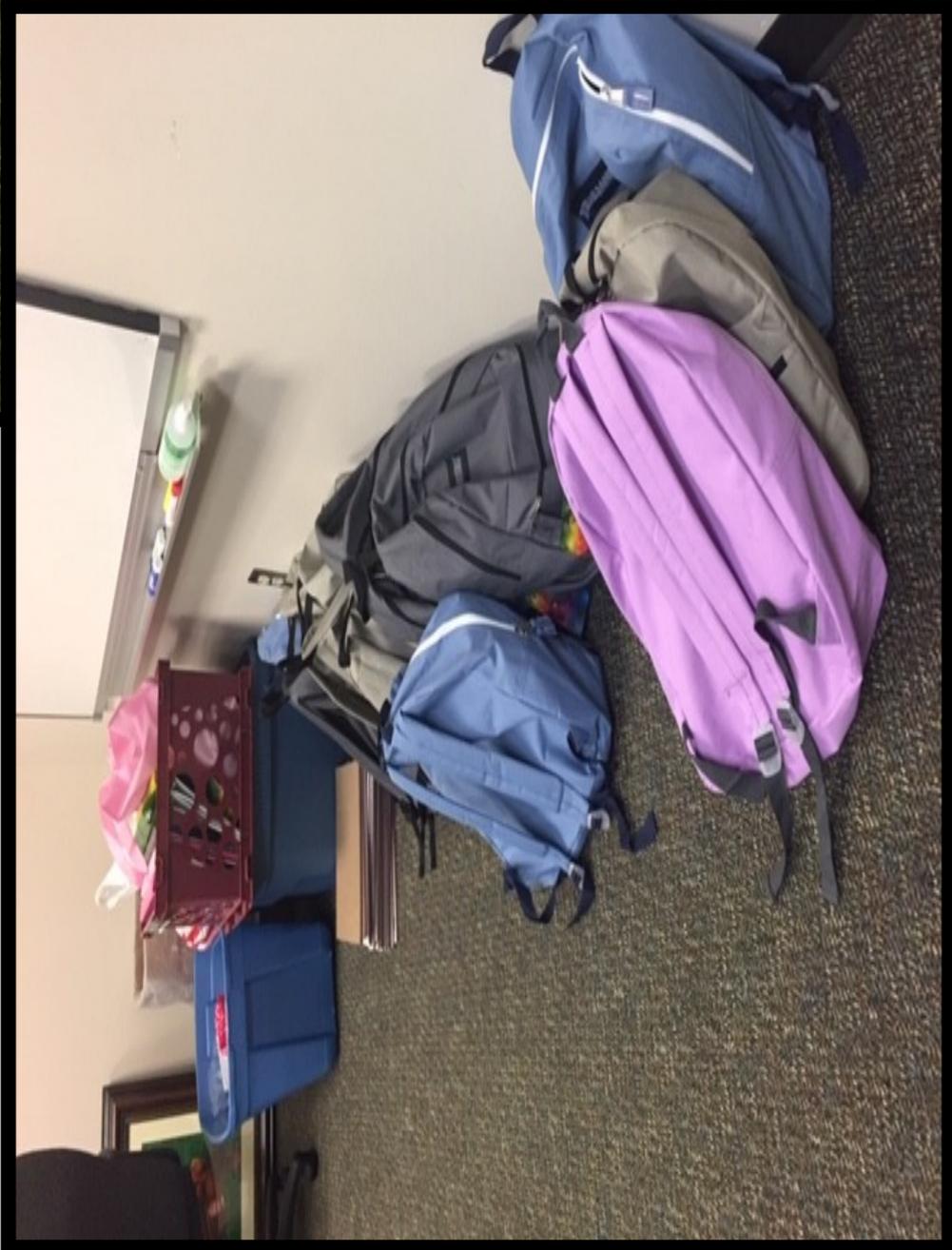


# FOOL PROOF

THE WISDOM OF PROVERBS



**Wisdom Draws Near**  
**Proverbs 15**



- **Remember- the difficulty of Proverbs and God's work in us is what it feels like to be born again!**
- **God is moving and active in giving us wisdom- he's a person who is he's inspiring and supporting us as we pursue wisdom**
- **One of the things we should want to know is how God deals with the unwise**
- **This is a special kind of fool- intentionally walking away from God's ways**

- **The essence of foolishness is doing life our way (P.Tripp):**

- **Self-centeredness**
- **Self-deception**
- **Self-sufficiency**
- **Self-righteousness**

## **Proverbs 15:3**

**3 The eyes of the LORD are in every place, Watching the evil and the good.**

- **Is it good news that God is always watching us?**
- **It's both a warning and a support**
- **He's watching us in love- he's made us his children and covered us in his love!**
- **We give thanks for this, not living in fear or bitterness of God's caring watchfulness**
- **Thank God for his Spirit that always watches over us!**

## **Proverbs 15:8-9**

**8 The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD, But the prayer of the upright is His delight. 9 The way of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD, But He loves one who pursues righteousness.**

- **This is person who is fake and masquerading at wisdom**
- **They claim to follow Jesus but their lives are full of things that are far from God**
- **They're trying to spiritualize their unwise lifestyles- and its an abomination to God**

- **They are demanding that God conform to their idea of wisdom- both through liberality and legalism**
- **The upright/wise are heard because they come to God as Lord- bending their view of wisdom to God's truth**
- **Has your worship been accepted today?**

## **Proverbs 15:11**

**11 Sheol and Abaddon lie open before the LORD, How much more the hearts of men!**

- **Nothing was darker or more mysterious than the place of the dead**
- **But all of it is clear to the Lord!**
- **What does it look like to live in the full eyesight of God?**
  - **Confession**
  - **Comfort**
  - **Counsel**
  - **Compassion**
- **Walking in the eyesight of the Lord is a place of grace!**

**Proverbs 15:28**

**28 The heart of the righteous ponders how to answer,  
But the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things.**

- **There's a strong connection btn righteousness and wisdom**
- **God gives us Christ's righteousness**
- **As he recreates us, he gives us supernatural insights to navigate life**
- **As we live out Christ's righteousness daily in a way that honor's God, we are wise**

- **Proverbs presents righteousness and wisdom as “twins”**
- **We experiencing increasing righteousness (holiness lived out practically) and wisdom (right thinking applied to complicated situations)**

- **How is God proactively giving us wisdom?**
- **People and opportunities**
- **Who has God put into your life that has wisdom? Are you looking for it and receiving it?**
- **What circumstances has God put you in that can give you wisdom? Are you growing and maturing into wisdom through it?**
- **We have to be on the lookout on how to draw near to the Lord in wisdom through the people and circumstances he brings into our lives**

**Proverbs 15:29**

**29 The LORD is far from the wicked, But He hears the prayer of the righteous.**

- **God can seem so far away from us- and maybe he is!**

- **God is far from the wicked**

- 1- willfully sinful**

- 2- performance-based religion**

- 3- religious**

- **Are you experiencing the distance and correction of the Lord- its grace and love!**

- **Are you walking close to him in wisdom- he will strengthen you!**
- **So many things can distract us from walking close to God in wisdom**
- **What are you actively pursuing?**

- **Are you pursuing God and righteousness and wisdom?**
- **Is God near you, delighted in your prayers?**
- **Psalm 17:8- "Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings."**