

➤ Set right by God's decision (Luke 12:13-21)

➤ Honored by God's ways

*<sup>7</sup>If you think you can fool God, you are only fooling yourselves. You will harvest what you plant <sup>9</sup>We must not get tired of doing good. We will receive our harvest of eternal life at the right time. We must not give up.* Galatians 6:7,9 ERV

### Bottom Line:

You are a fool if you think you can fool God!

Pastor Dave often uses concepts and ideas from a variety of resources when writing a message. If you have any questions regarding these sources, please don't hesitate to contact Dave at [daves@senecacommunitychurch.com](mailto:daves@senecacommunitychurch.com).

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Think It Over: This section is about turning what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you take your own next step.

- Who is the wisest person you know? Why? Read 1 Samuel 25:1-44. How does Nabal fall short of being wise? It may seem harsh but how was he a fool (remember the Biblical definition)? Which characteristics do you have to be on guard for?
- Read Luke 12:21 NLT, DFS. How rich is your relationship with God? Explain how a rich relationship with God protects from foolishness.
- Review the "Rash" section. How have you been caught up with being rash? Why do you think David had such a dramatically different response in chapter 24 compared with chapter 25? What is the warning to us?
- Why is Abigail the hero of the story? How can you become wiser in action like her (look at her characteristics)? Do you have any "Abigail in spirit" people in your life?

Next Steps: What steps can you take to have a richer relationship with God? Read Galatians 6:7,9 ERV. How does the bottom line apply to you? Are you encouraged?

Changing Your Mind: Choose one of the verses listed in the Message Guide and commit it to heart.

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1 Samuel 25:1-44 NIV page 201

➤ The Fool - Nabal (1-11)

The word "fool" usually means "a senseless person."

The Biblical definition has the added dimension of "someone who disregards God and His Word."

*<sup>6</sup>Fools say foolish things, and in their minds they plan evil things to do. They want to do what is wrong. They say bad things about the Lord. They don't let hungry people eat their food. They don't let thirsty people drink the water.* Isaiah 32:6 ERV

Love God and Love others

Matthew 22:37-40

*<sup>11</sup>Like a dog that returns to its vomit, a fool does the same foolish things again and again.* Proverbs 26:11 ERV

➤ Surly - stubborn, difficult, harsh, even cruel

➤ Mean - abusive or given to mistreating other people

*<sup>6</sup>Fools say things to start arguments. They are just asking for a beating.* Proverbs 18:6 ERV

➤ Arrogant - an exaggerated sense of importance or abilities, no humility

See The Seeking King - Part 13

<http://senecacommunitychurch.com/seeking-king>

➤ Selfish - missing gratefulness that leads to humility

<sup>17</sup>...quit being so full of [yourselves] and so obsessed with money, which is here today and gone tomorrow. ...go after God, who piles on all the riches we could ever manage—<sup>18</sup>to do good, to be rich in helping others, to be extravagantly generous.

1 Timothy 6:17–18 MSG

<sup>21</sup>“Yes, a person is a fool to fill up their lives with everything but a rich relationship with God.” Luke 12:21 NLT, DFS

➡ The Rash - David (12-22)

The word “rash” means to act without first thinking carefully, consequently making mistakes or behaving unwisely. (See The Seeking King - Part 13)

We need to explore, rather than ignore,  
our Holy Spirit-shaped conscience.

➤ Impulsive

What happened to the David of Chapter 24?

<sup>19</sup>Post this at all the intersections, ... Lead with your ears, follow up with your tongue, and let anger straggle along in the rear. <sup>20</sup>God's righteousness doesn't grow from human anger. James 1:19–20 MSG

➤ Payback - Don't ever insist on getting even.

<sup>19</sup>Don't insist on getting even; that's not for you to do. "I'll do the judging," says God. "I'll take care of it." <sup>21</sup>Don't let evil get the best of you; get the best of evil by doing good. Romans 12:19, 21 MSG

➡ The Wise - Abigail is the hero of the story. (23-31)

➤ Humble

<sup>2</sup>...with humility comes wisdom. Proverbs 11:2 NIV

➤ Gracious

<sup>1</sup>A gentle answer makes anger disappear, but a rough answer makes it grow. Proverbs 15:1 ERV

➤ Generous

<sup>25</sup>A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed. Proverbs 11:25 NIV

➤ Encouraging

<sup>15</sup>Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else. 1 Thessalonians 5:15 NIV

➤ Reminds

<sup>16</sup>...Jonathan went to see David at Horesh and encouraged him to have a stronger faith in God. <sup>17</sup>Jonathan told David, "Don't be afraid. My father Saul won't hurt you. You will become the king of Israel, and I will be second to you. Even my father knows this." 1 Samuel 23:16–17 ERV

Don't let all your connections  
cause a disconnection.

You are only one community away from having  
the course of your life and destiny changed.

<sup>13</sup>You're blessed when you meet Lady Wisdom, when you make friends with Madame Insight. <sup>14</sup>She's worth far more than money in the bank; her friendship is better than a big salary. <sup>15</sup>Her value exceeds all the trappings of wealth; nothing you could wish for holds a candle to her. <sup>16</sup>With one hand she gives long life, with the other she confers recognition. <sup>17</sup>Her manner is beautiful, her life wonderfully complete. Proverbs 3:13–17 MSG

➡ The Outcomes (32-44)

➤ Saved by God's grace

<sup>19</sup>My brothers and sisters, if anyone wanders away from the truth and someone helps that person come back, <sup>20</sup>remember this: Anyone who brings a sinner back from the wrong way will save that person from eternal death and cause many sins to be forgiven.

James 5:19–20 ERV

Are you ever the conduit of God's grace?