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Foolproof (week 1 of 5)

God gave Solomon wisdom and very great insight, and a breadth of understanding as measureless as the sand on the seashore.
1 Kings 4:29 NIV

Three Basic Categories of People:

1. _____ people

If people are causing divisions among you, give a first and second warning. After that, have nothing more to do with them. For people like that have turned away from the truth, and their own sins condemn them. Titus 3:10-11 NLT

The sensible see danger and take cover, the foolish keep going and are punished. Proverbs 27:12

2. _____ people

Correct a wise person, and he will become wiser still.
Proverbs 9:9

Characteristics of the Wise:

- Open to feedback
- Ownership
- Concern
- Repentant
- Committed to change

An ear that listens to life-giving rebukes will be at home among the wise. Proverbs 15:31

3. _____ people

Characteristics of a Fool:

- Externalize and blame
- Create more conflict and often a breach in the relationship
- Attempt to shift blame
- Minimize
- Rationalize and excuse
- Show no remorse
- Point out others' flaws
- Little or no awareness or concern
- React with anger, disdain, flight or flight
- See themselves as a misunderstood victim
- Divide the world into good guys/bad guys

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.
Romans 12:14-18 NIV

Whoever corrects a mocker invites insults; whoever rebukes the wicked incurs abuse. Do not rebuke mockers or they will hate you; rebuke the wise and they will love you.
Proverbs 9:7-8 NIV

The Challenge This Week:

- Limit your exposure.
- Don't get drawn in.
- Make it clear a change is in the air.
- Let them know there are consequences.
- Give them a choice.
- Follow through.

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