



LIVING WISELY IN AN AGE OF FOLLY



WISDOM SEASONED COMMUNICATION

- Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person. Colossians 4:6

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God is the all wise God, perfect in wisdom: thus when God communicates, he must do so wisely. We see His wisdom in the written word and perfectly illustrated in the living word.

“God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son”. Hebrews 1:1-2

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Jesus spoke truthfully: “Truly (verily; amen), truly I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” John 3:3

Not only in the words that Jesus speaks, but He Himself is the revelation of truth: In Jesus we see the truth of God:

”For as many as are the promises of God, in Him they are yes; therefore also through Him is our Amen to the glory of God.” 2 Cor. 1:20

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Jesus spoke in such a ‘seasoned’ way that people received his words in such a way as to learn and grow in understanding

“When Jesus had finished these words, the crowds were amazed at His teaching, for He was teaching them as one with authority, unlike the scribes.” Matt. 7:28-29

“The tongue of the wise makes knowledge acceptable; but the mouth of fools spouts folly.” Prov. 15:2

God has spoken in His Son in such a way that we learn about God and grow in our knowledge of Him.

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Jesus spoke words of righteousness: these can be spoken graciously and winsome, or in a tone of indignation to effect conviction and repentance.

Prov. 16:13: Righteous lips are the delight of kings, and he who speaks right is loved.

John 8:1-12 (I do not condemn you either, go and sin no more); (he who is without sin cast the first stone)

Matt. 23:27 (Woe to you scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, on the outside appear beautiful, but inside they are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness)

In Jesus we see the gospel of the grace of God and yet also God's wrath in dealing with sin.

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Jesus kept a guard on his words so that his words weren't idle or without thought:

Prov. 15:28: The heart of the righteous ponders how to answer, but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things.

Luke 9:46-48 (Jesus, knowing what they were thinking in their heart, took a child and stood him by his side. . .)

In Jesus we see the prudent revelation of God revealed at the proper time to accomplish God's perfect purpose (Gal. 4:4)

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- Communication is not only what we say but listening to what is spoken

Jesus not only exemplifies wisdom in speaking, but he is a master in listening

Prov. 18:13: He who gives an answer before he hears, it is folly and shame to him

Luke 18:35-43: He heard the cries of the beggar amidst the noise of the crowd and had him brought to him. “What do you want me to do for you?” And he said, “Lord, I want to regain my sight.” Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight, your faith has made you well.”

Jesus is God’s answer to the cries for a Redeemer; Isa. 58:9 “Then you will call and the Lord will answer; you will cry, and He will say, “Here I am.”

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- Communication is necessary for relationships. Wisdom seasoned communication is a means for incarnational grace. Personal communication is the best form even as the greatest form of God's communication is in the incarnate presence of the Son of God. In Him the grace of God is perfectly conveyed. As we grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ our communication with others will be a reflection of seasoned grace and wisdom.