



## Part 13: The Fool

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### REVIEW

- Deal With The Person Directly
- See The Person Correctly
- Deal With The Person Respectfully
- Speak and Show the Truth
- Forgive and Seek Peace

## The Characters

### 1. NABAL- THE FOOL

1 Samuel 25:2-3 (ESV)-And there was a man in Maon whose business was in Carmel. The man was very rich; he had three thousand sheep and a thousand goats. He was shearing his sheep in Carmel....the man was harsh and badly behaved...

### 2. ABIGAIL- THE WISE

1 Samuel 25:3 (ESV)-“Now the name of the man was Nabal, and the name of his wife Abigail. The woman was discerning and beautiful.’

### 3. DAVID- THE OFFENDED

1 Samuel 25:13 (ESV)-And David said to his men, “Every man strap on his sword!” And every man of them strapped on his sword. David also strapped on his sword. And about four hundred men went up after David, while two hundred remained with the baggage..

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## The Characteristics

### 1. Attributes of A Fool

#### A. Inward Focused

1 Samuel 25:11 (ESV)- Shall I take my bread and my water and my meat that I have killed for my shearers and give it to men who come from I do not know where?”

#### B. Verbally Reckless

1 Samuel 25:10 (ESV)- And Nabal answered David's servants, “Who is David? Who is the son of Jesse? There are many servants these days who are breaking away from their masters.

#### C. Habitually Unreasonable

1 Samuel 25:17 (ESV)- Now therefore know this and consider what you should do, for harm is determined against our master and against all his house, and he is such a worthless man that one cannot speak to him.

#### D. Emotionally Driven

1 Samuel 25:21-22 (ESV)- Now David had said...“he has returned me evil for good. God do so to the enemies of David and more also, if by morning I leave so much as one male of all who belong to him.”

### 2. Actions of The Wise

#### A. Take Responsibility

1 Samuel 25:18,24 (ESV)-Then Abigail made haste and took two hundred loaves...She fell at his feet and said, “On me alone, my lord, be the guilt. Please let your servant speak in your ears, and hear the words of your servant.

#### B. Respond Tactfully

1 Samuel 25:27 (ESV)-And now let this present that your servant has brought to my lord be given to the young men who follow my lord.

#### C. Demonstrate Humility

1 Samuel 25:23 (ESV)-When Abigail saw David, she hurried and got down from the donkey and fell before David on her face and bowed to the ground.

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**Here Is The Point:** Don't let a fool make you a fool