

Suffering Harm

Well, I have done plenty of that. **You have done plenty of what?** I have suffered plenty of harm. **Why is that?** I have wrongly chosen to become a companion of foolish people. Sometimes, I have wondered what has been wrong with me. **How so?** I have attracted so many foolish people into my life. **Is that right?** Yes, it is. **In that case, who would be a foolish person?** That would be me, without any doubt. It is also true without a doubt and without any exception that a companion of fools will suffer harm. It is not a question of “if” it is just a matter of “when”. Harm comes to all those who make themselves to be companions with fools. **That is true.** I need no convincing. **That is good.**

What do you want to do with what you have learned? First, I will distant myself from foolish people. I will not let foolish people into my inner circle. I will not allow foolish people to become my counselors. I will not tag along with foolish people as they go down the path, that will certainly end in harm. Having said all of this, I will still minister to everyone who needs to come to know you. The most foolish decision of all is to live a life without you. I will allow you to use me to rescue those that are on the path that leads away from you. I will hope to be used by you ,to bring people to you, so that they will come to know and love you as their Savior and Lord. **That will be very good.**

What else will you do with what you have learned? I will seek to walk closely with wise people that you will bring into my life. **Why is that?** Walking distantly with wise people you bring into my life will be of no benefit to me. I will not become wise unless I walk closely with the wise. Walking closely with wise people will help me to see what I cannot see. Walking closely with wise people will help me to know what I have not known. Walking closely with wise people will help me to do what I almost certainly would have never done. You want to use wise people to help me to become wise. **That is true.** So, I will allow you to do what you want to do. I will walk closely with the wise people you bring into my life. **That will be very good.**

Lord, I have made terrible choices about who I would walk with closely in life. I can't tell you how many times I have suffered harm by allowing myself to become a companion of a foolish person. Help me now to walk closely with wise people you bring into my life. Amen

Becoming Like Christ *Walks With The Wise*

He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm.

NIV Proverbs 13:20

Becoming Like Christ *Walks With The Wise*

Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.

ESV Proverbs 13:20

Becoming Like Christ *Walk With The Wise*

Walk with the wise and become wise; associate with fools and get in trouble.

NLT Proverbs 13:20

Becoming Like Christ *Walks With The Wise*

He who walks with wise *men* will be wise, But the companion of fools will be destroyed.

NKJV Proverbs 13:20

Becoming Like Christ *Walks With The Wise*

Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools suffers harm.

NRSV Proverbs 13:20

Becoming Like Christ *Walking With The Wise*

Become wise by walking with the wise; hang out with fools and watch your life fall to pieces.

MSG Proverbs 13:20

Becoming Like Christ *Walks With The Wise*

He who walks [as a companion] with wise men is wise, but he who associates with [self-confident] fools is [a fool himself and] shall smart for it.

AMP Proverbs 13:20

Becoming Like Christ *Be With Wise Men*

Be with wise men and become wise. Be with evil men and become evil.

TLB Proverbs 13:20

Becoming Like Christ *Walks With The Wise*

He who walks with wise men will be wise, But the companion of fools will suffer harm.

NASB Proverbs 13:20

Becoming Like Christ *Spend Time With The Wise*

Spend time with the wise and you will become wise, but the friends of fools will suffer.

NCV Proverbs 13:20

Walks With The Wise

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Becoming Like Christ – Proverbs 13:20

In Context: *Read Proverbs 13*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God’s Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm. Proverbs 13:20 (NIV)

Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture:

(What prayer from your heart will you write?)

Lord, I have made terrible choices about who I would walk with closely in life. I can’t tell you how many times I have suffered harm by allowing myself to become a companion of a foolish person. Help me now to walk closely with wise people you bring into my life. Amen

What It Means:

(What questions speak to your heart?) *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

Who would you identify as a wise person that you would like to walk with more closely?

How are you making it your habit to walk closely with wise people the Lord has brought into your life?

When have you wasted an opportunity by not walking closely with a wise person?

Why will you not benefit, if you walk distantly from wise people that the Lord has brought into your life?

What action will you need to take if you want to walk closely with a wise person?

When have you mistakenly allowed yourself to become a companion of a foolish person?

How has your life suffered harm because you were a companion of a foolish person?

Living It Out:

(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Make it your plan to walk closely with the wise people the Lord brings into your life.

Seeing It Happen:

(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)

Have faith that the Lord will help you to grow wise as you walk closely with the wise people He brings into your life.

Get Ready To Share:

(What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group how walking closely with other wise people has helped you to grow wise.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

Walk closely with the wise people the Lord brings into your life.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will walk closely with the wise people you bring into my life.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I walk closely with the wise people you bring into my life?
