



The *SIMPLE* Chair

Notes adapted from a sermon by Raymond Woodward.





4 CHAIRS: SIMPLE | FOOL | MOCKER | WISE





Proverbs 9:10, NLT

Fear of the LORD is the foundation of wisdom. Knowledge of the Holy One results in good judgment.

Proverbs 1:2-3, NLT

Their purpose is to teach people wisdom and discipline, to help them understand the insights of the wise. Their purpose is to teach people to live disciplined and successful lives, to help them do what is right, just, and fair.

Draw a line from each of the four typical responses we have when encountering God's wisdom to the descriptive word at right:

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| 1. That won't ever happen to me, it's all going to work out | 1. Wise |
| 2. It may happen to me but I don't care, no matter what the Bible says | 2. Fool |
| 3. It may happen to me, but who are you to preach to me about it? | 3. Simple |
| 4. That describes me exactly, and I want to do something about it! | 4. Mocker |

IF YOU ARE IN THE SIMPLE CHAIR...

- You may not admit it or even know that's where you are.
- By the time you figure it out, you won't be in it anymore.
- You're probably young and/or immature (emotionally).
- Don't be insulted, we all start here.
- You lack EXPERIENCE.
- You may find yourself repeating the same mistakes over and over.
- You probably tend to learn things the hard way.
- ...and if you will listen to those with wisdom, you can escape this chair relatively quickly.
- You need to change your seat.
- REFERENCES

IF YOU ARE IN THE CHAIR OF THE FOOL...

- You know you're in the fool's chair, but just don't care.
- The difference between the you and the simple is, you know better.
- You probably think your sin is no big deal.
- You're repeating the same mistakes over and over.
- Just about the only way for you to change is to face the full consequences of your decisions.
- Your companions are facing the consequences of your foolishness too.
- When someone tries to correct you, you ignore him.
- You need to change your seat.
- REFERENCES

IF YOU ARE IN THE SEAT OF THE MOCKER...

- You've taken your foolishness to the next level by mocking, being critical, of those trying to do the right thing.
- You would do well to remember, "the SIMPLE person is CLUELESS, the FOOL is CARELESS, and the MOCKER is CRITICAL."
- When someone tries to correct you, you find yourself hating him.
- The only way you can change is through a miracle.
- You need to change your seat.
- REFERENCES

IF YOU ARE IN THE CHAIR OF WISDOM...

- It was worth the difficulty of getting out of any of the other three chairs.
- Continually ask yourself ONE question that keeps you in this chair: "In light of my past experiences, my current circumstances and my future hopes and dreams, what is the WISE thing to do?"
- You think eternally. You impact/win souls.
- Stay in it.
- REFERENCES