

The Restoration Road – August 17, 2010

Chapter 7: “The Raid” Chapter 8: “A Fool’s Sin and the Restorer’s Grace”

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In Jesus’ trilogy, the younger son embodied a heart of *sand*, the older son embodied a heart of *stone*, and the father embodied a heart of *clay*. Each heart was evidenced in its perspective of the word *give*. The two sons loved the four-letter word *give*, as in “give to me.” They were foolish. The father loved the word *give* as well, but from a different perspective, as in “I’ll give to you.” He was wise. Whereas the sons foolishly desired the father to give to them without giving back anything to the father, the father wisely desired to give to his sons without receiving anything in return.

While foolish sand and stone hearts get to give to get, wise clay hearts give to get to give.

Sand or stone hearts say, “Give to me,” beginning a four-stage journey. First, they are *grateful* for the gift. Second, they *depend* on the gift. Third, they *expect* the gift. Finally, they *demand* the gift.

In Jesus’ trilogy, each son’s heart demonstrated a foolish perspective of *give*, a progression of hardness of heart in both sand and stone that led to *demanding* the gift. This was foolishness that carried sin with it.

FIVE FOOLS

A study of Proverbs gives us five stages of fools from the Hebrew language. Just like the sand heart of the younger son and the stone heart of the older son, this list represents a cycle of increasing hardness of heart--from gullible to godless. A good analogy of this pride is cement. When it is poured, it is wet and formable, but afterward it begins a hardening process that ends up as cured concrete, requiring heavy equipment to be moved. The gullible fool is still formable, but the godless fool has no hope unless he fully surrenders his foolish heart to the Restorer.

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- How have you been a simple or gullible fool?
- How have you been a stupid fool?
- How have you been a stubborn fool?
- How have you been a scorning fool?
- How have you been a secular, or godless, fool?