

## AM Sermon Notes

**Text:** *Proverbs 21:20*

**Title:** *Wise Versus Foolish*

**Central Truth:** Solomon says that the wise are productive, saving and prepared for the future, whereas the foolish only squander their resources.

### I. v. 20a: Wise Person: Controlled and Saving

1. **Definition** of the wise (*c.f. Proverbs 1:5, 7*)
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#### 2. **Description** - *Two fold*

1. KJV - **treasure to be desired**, NASB - **precious treasure**, NIV - **stores of choice food** - The words used here refer to having possessions stored up. This refers mainly to food but it also applies to having a broad range of things in the home.
2. **Oil** (*olive*) This was an important ingredient to have because it had so many uses: food, cooking, cosmetics, perfumes, medicine and light!

### II. v. 20b: Foolish Person: Consuming and Spending

1. **Definition** (*of the fool*) The word used here describes a person who is dull and obstinate. It is not that he is mentally deficient but stubborn and unwilling to listen or learn. The main characteristic is a propensity to make wrong choices!
2. **Description** - KJV - **spendeth it up**, NASB - **swallows it up**, NIV - **devours all he has** - Literally this word means to gulp something down the throat (*c.f. Jonah 1:17*).

*Practical Application:*

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