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Procedure 4.12.10

The nature of the hypothesis is the first step in the development of a test, showing your hypothesis in statistical terms of α and β .

But the way the world is has deep implications for the choice of statistical test. For example:



THE WAY OF

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IN PROVERBS

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...Look for [wisdom] as for silver, search for it as for hidden treasure.

Proverbs 2:10

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Discretion will protect you and understanding will guard you.
Wisdom will save you from the ways of wicked men from men whose words are perverse...
It will save you also from the adulterous, from the wayward wife with her seductive words.

Proverbs 3:13

Blessed is the man who finds wisdom, the man who gains understanding, for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold. She is more precious than rubies, nothing you desire can compare with her. Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor. Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are peace. She is a true life to those who embrace her; those who lay hold of her will be blessed.

Proverbs 4:5

Get wisdom, get understanding, do not forget my words or swerve from them. Do not for sake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you.
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Is this another thing or the same thing?

Proverbs 3:5-7

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Colossians 2:1
The life you have in the Spirit (and what you are) has not been made up of rules and regulations. You are not under the law, but under the Spirit. So do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink or by religious festivals, by Sabbaths, or by the Jewish law.

Colossians 2:2
Remember, I am allowing you to know everything with the Spirit, so that you may be perfect in Christ.

Colossians 2:4
We pointed out that the things that are important to you are not of this world, but of the Spirit. So do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink or by religious festivals, by Sabbaths, or by the Jewish law. Remember, I am allowing you to know everything with the Spirit, so that you may be perfect in Christ.

Colossians 2:6-7
So if you have been raised up with Christ, live your life in the Spirit, just as you were raised up with Christ. Let the message of Christ dwell among you and be beautiful in you, as you are rooted in the Word. Let the Spirit of Christ dwell in you, as you are rooted in the Word. Let the Spirit of Christ dwell in you, as you are rooted in the Word.

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Colossians 1:9

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding.

Colossians 1:28

We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.

Colossians 2:2-4

My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, 3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. 4 I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments.

Colossians 3:16-17

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. 17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.



See and Seek Wisdom
See and Flee Folly

2 misconceptions
that become
2 excuses

4 Categories:

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"Foolish" - willful ignorance - blithe ignorance not interested in trusting God, knowing truth, or building disciplined virtue

"Wholesome" - faithful truth creating prudence and discernment in decision making and courage and discipline in action

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Living folly is a living life, and wisdom is the death of it.

DEATH

Example: A person who is a fool.

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The only way out of Folly and Enticement

To See:

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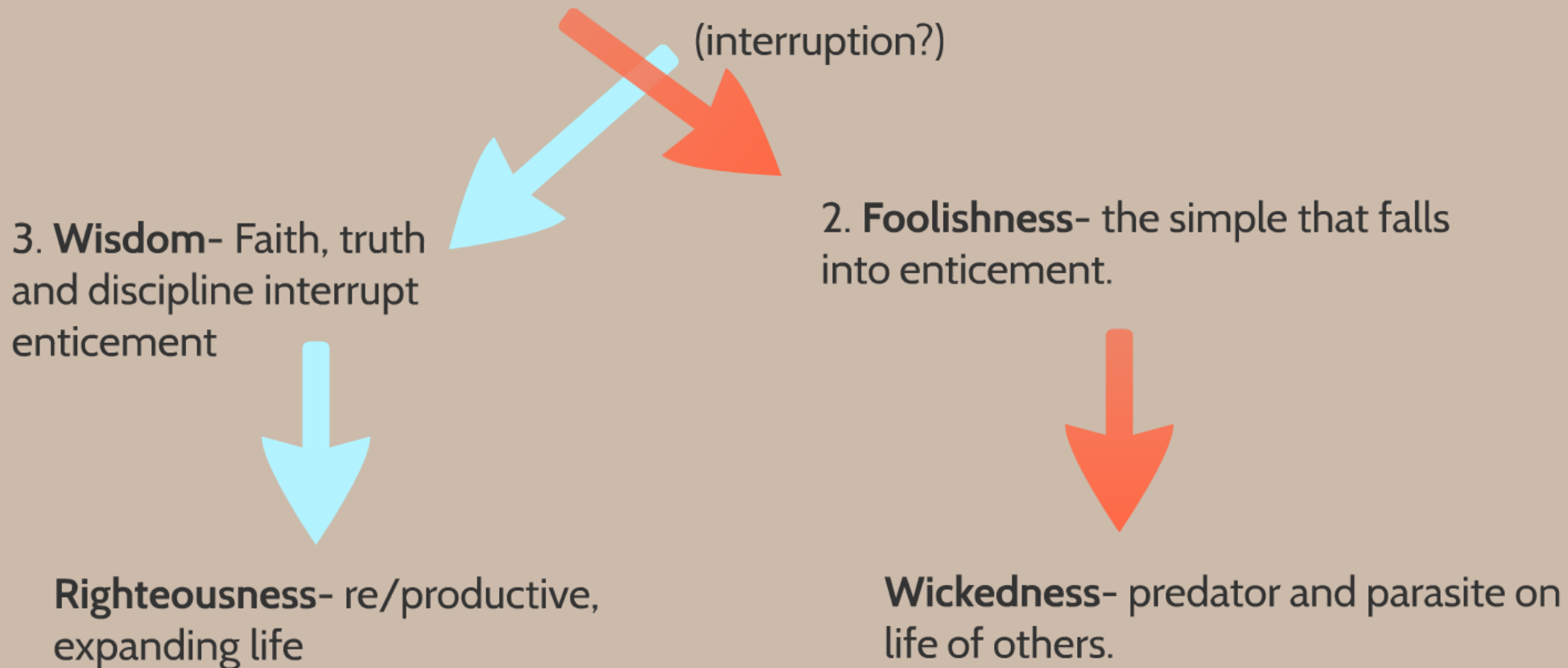
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1. **Simple**- everyone's starting point



Everything rests on seeing folly and wickedness for what it is:

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Example: Adulterous Woman

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Living fully means embracing life, and wholeness, for wholeness

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Example: Adversity: Wholeness

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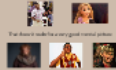
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The people who are "right"
are the people who are "right"
because they are "right"
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He has 12.17
1. He is not a good person
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2. We resist wisdom

because we see prudence and righteousness as unattractive

Key definition of wisdom: “Prudence”
one of the great cardinal virtues

Proverbs 8:5 You who are simple, gain prudence; you who are foolish, gain understanding.

Proverbs 8:12 I, wisdom, dwell together with prudence; I possess knowledge and discretion.

Cultural Definition: Prudishness, unwillingness to take risks, aversion to pleasure, paralyzed by cautiousness

Aristotle: "Right reason applied to practice"



That doesn't make for a very good mental picture.



Matthew 10:16-17

“I am sending you out like sheep among wolves.
Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as
doves. 17 "Be on your guard against men...”



Interested in Justice and Righteousness

A matter of the heart first

(learning and discipline can follow)

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