

Acts 26:9-32

The Call of the Fool

- ⦿ **Proverbs 1:10** My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.
- ⦿ **Proverbs 12:15** The way of a fool *is* right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel *is* wise.
- ⦿ Before his conversion, Paul was living in complete darkness
 - Have you ever experienced complete darkness?

Call of the Fool

- As we read through Proverbs: we see it as protection for ourselves from foolish council and foolish action
- Let's lean on Jesus so that we are not the ones that others are being protected from.

Lean on Jesus

- Paul was leading people into blaspheme but didn't even realize it.
- When we are leading others—lean on God not ourselves (our flesh or the world).

Proverbs 3:5-8

- ⦿ **Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.**

Paths to Obedience

- There are different paths to obedience:

1. Listen to the master

John 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

2. Watch/listen to others and learn from them

Proverbs 15:5 A fool despiseth his father's instruction: but he that regardeth reproof is prudent.

Proverbs 22:3 A prudent *man* foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.

3. Kick against the goads

Kicking against the Goats

- Jonah
- Balaam
- Judas
- **Matthew 19:21-22** Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go *and* sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come *and* follow me. But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions.