

1. How to Be Wise (24-25)

- Wise people hear and _____, they don't just hear and _____.
- Once you have _____ the Word, you must do the _____.
 - James 1:22; Romans 10:9-10.
- The rock is the _____ of the gospel and the _____ of Jesus.
- Persecution is _____ in the life of a Christian.
 - John 15:20; John 16:33; Romans 8:16-17; 2 Timothy 3:12; 1 Peter 4:12-13.

2. How to Be Foolish (26-27)

- Foolish people hear and _____, but they never _____ what they heard.
 - The sand is the things culture tells you are true, which shift and change with the winds of popular opinion. Proverbs 10:25; Proverbs 10:30; Proverbs 12:7.
 - “Wisdom is the ability and willingness to apply spiritual truth to life's circumstances. In contrast, foolishness is the inability and unwillingness to apply spiritual truth to life's realities.” – Tony Evans

3. How to Recognize Authority (28-29)

- Although the crowds here had heard religious and political leaders speak often, there was something different about Jesus.
 - “The scribes spoke *by* authority, resting all they said on traditions of what had been said before. Jesus spoke *with* authority, out of His own soul.” – A.B. Bruce
 - “The scribes quoted other people to establish the authority of their teachings; Jesus was His own authority. This matter of authority was a major issue between Jesus and the Jews, who felt their authority being challenged.” – John MacArthur
- You can't always trust an _____ builder, engineer, or realtor, but you can trust the _____ and _____ of our faith when He tells you to build on the solid foundation that only He provides.