

A son in search of wisdom

The wisest of women builds her house

Proverbs 14:1–15

Introduction—a tale of two houses

1. The wise will discern the way things are

v1–2 Wise / fool / seeking the way

v3 Words

v4 The manager and the oxen: looks can be deceiving!

v5 Words

v6–7 Wise / fool / seeking the way

2. The wise will discern the way things will be

v8 Prudence and foolishness

v9 Restitution for sin

v10 Secrets of the heart

v12 Discerning the end of the righteous and wicked

v13 Secrets of the heart

v14 Repayment for sin

v15 Prudence and foolishness

Conclusion

Questions for discussion and reflection:

- Are you convinced by the need for God's wisdom?
- When are the times we're not as discerning as we should be?
- Why is it so difficult to use the God's wisdom to be discerning? How can we be better at it?