

“I Have Played the Fool”

1 Sam. 26:21

Introduction:

- A. King Saul's confession could be made by many of us today.
 - 1. Saul had been envious and malicious toward David.
 - 2. Saul had been rebellious against God.
- B. Otherwise intelligent people often play the fool.
 - 1. Want to notice 5 areas where this is so.
 - 2. To help us remember them I have arranged them so each area begin with the letter “M”.

Discussion:

I. The Area of Money

- A. The rich fool (Luke 12:20)
- B. There are several ways that money can make a fool of us.
 - 1. By coveting it (1 Tim. 6:8-10)
 - 2. By hoarding of it.
 - a. Like Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1-11)
 - b. Like Judah of old (Mal. 3:8-10)
 - c. Like certain rich masters (Jas. 5:1-4)
 - 3. By wasting it (cf. Lk 15:13)

II. The Area of Morality

- A. David's Immorality.
 - 1. With Bathsheba
 - 2. Against Uriah
- B. America's immorality.
 - 1. By government officials.
 - 2. By Business people.
 - 3. By Church people.

III. The Area of Marriage

- A. Samson (Judges 14:1-3; Delilah)
- B. Solomon (Neh. 13:26)
- C. Herod (Matt. 14)
- D. Many today in initiating and maintaining marriage.

IV. The Area of Manners

- A. The Bible teaches basic good manners.
 - 1. Commands us to be courteous (1 Peter 3:8)
 - 2. Saul was courteous to those trying him (Acts 26:25)
- B. Our generation is experiencing an epidemic of bad manners.
 - 1. Bad manners of younger to older. (cf. 1 Tim. 5:1,2)
 - 2. Bad manners of peer to peer.
 - 3. Bad manners in day to day interaction with people.
 - 4. Bad manners at public functions.

V. The Area of the Messiah

- A. Foolish to reject the evidence - like Jews (cf. Mk. 3:22-30)
- B. Foolish to not obey him (cf. Gal. 3:1)
- C. Foolish reject his invitation - may be last chance (Foolish virgins)

Conclusion:

- A. Do you need to make Saul's confession?

B. Do not play the fool for continuing to reject the Lord's invitation.