



# *The Skillful Life*

*65 Categories in Proverbs*

artisansh<sup>ip</sup>  
*and the lifelong pursuit of wisdom*



Naïve

1:7 a The Fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge

1:7b Fools despise wisdom and instruction

Humble  
Teachable  
Confident  
Ambitious  
Pure  
Disciplined  
Patient  
Self-Controlled  
Honesty  
Gentleness  
Dependable (Trust)  
Pleasant  
Fair  
Merciful  
Generous  
Diligent

Fool I  
Fool II  
Sluggard  
Proud  
Scoffer  
Gossiper  
Angry Man  
Schemer  
Flatterer  
Wicked  
Seductress



Category	Definition	Verses
Naïve	Someone deficient in worldly wisdom or informed judgement; self taught. Open-minded.	1:4 To give prudence to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion. 14:15 The simple believes every
Fool I	A person lacking in judgment or prudence; a harmlessly deranged person or one lacking in common powers of understanding.	18:2 A fool has no delight in understanding, but in expressing his own heart.
Fool II		29:11 A fool vents all his feelings, but a wise man holds
Sluggard	A person who is habitually inactive or lazy	12:11b ...he who follows frivolity is devoid of understanding.
Proud	Having, proceeding from, or showing a high opinion of one's own dignity, importance, or superiority	16:8 – Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. 16:5 Everyone proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD; though

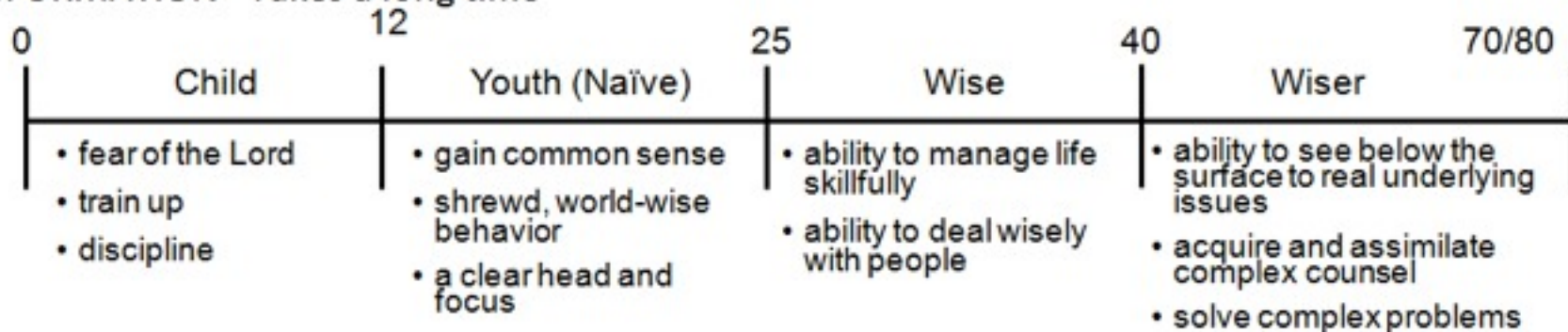


Category	Definition	Verses
Scoffer	To show contempt by derisive acts or language	13:1 – A wise son heeds his father's instruction, but a scoffer does not listen to rebuke. 21:24 – A proud and haughty man –
Gossiper	Idle talk or rumor, a person given to tattling or idle talk	26:20 – Where there is no wood, the fire goes out; and where there is no talebearer, strife ceases. 11:13 – A talebearer reveals secrets, but
Angry man	A man marked by frequently having and/or showing anger.	14:29 – He who is slow to wrath has great understanding, but he who is impulsive exalts folly. 29:22 – An angry man stirs up strife, and a furious man abounds in transgression.
Schemer	A plan, design or program of action to be followed; an underhand plot: intrigue.	24:8 He who plots to do evil is a schemer 12:20 – Deceit is in the heart of those who devise evil...
Flatterer	To praise or compliment insincerely, to gratify by falsification, to play upon the vanity or	29:5 – A man who flatters a neighbor spreads a net for his feet. 27:6 – Faithful are the wounds of a friend, but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.

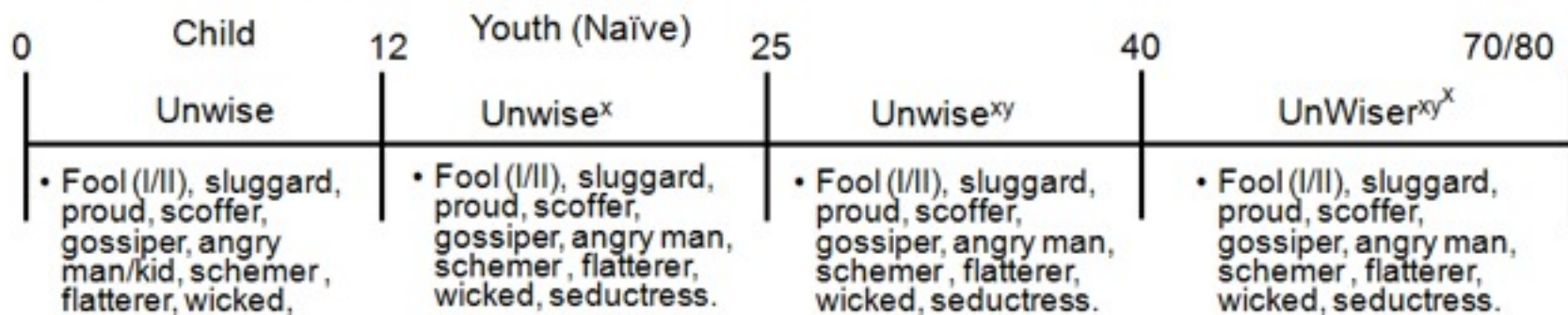
Category	Definition	Verses
Wicked	Evil or morally bad in principle or practice; sinful; mischievous or malicious, having a bad disposition; ill-natured; spiteful; malevolent; vicious; extremely troublesome or	<p>11:8 – The wicked man does deceptive work</p> <p>21:10 – The soul of the wicked desires evil....</p> <p>6:27 – The fear of the Lord prolongs days, but the years of the wicked will be shortened.</p>
Seductress	A women who seduces	<p>23:28 – She also lies in wait as for a victim...</p> <p>7:11 – She was loud and rebellious.</p> <p>7:21 – With her flattering words she seduced him. Immediately he went after her, as an ox goes to the slaughter.</p>



## TRANSFORMATION - Takes a long time



## CONFORMING - We're here day 1



# Beware!

- Hebrews 6:12 – we do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.
- 20:19 - Do not associate with one who flatters with his lips – **beware of the flatterer**
- 22:24 – Make no friendship with an angry man, and with a furious man do not go, lest you learn his ways and set a snare for your soul – **beware of the angry man.**
- 13:20 – He who walks with wise men will be wise, but the companion of fools will be destroyed – **beware of the fool.**

