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Proverbs 10:1-12

We have insurance, retirement plans, pensions and savings, the ancient people had sons. A son was the greatest physical assurance that a family would continue and that its elderly and infirm members would be properly cared for. A wise son, like a wise investment, yielded great rewards, a foolish son brought grief to his mother and everyone else.

Throughout Proverbs we see the wise and foolish held in contrast. The "wise son" is one who respects and honors God, one who choses wisely and carefully according to God's Word, one who takes his responsibilities seriously, and one who is a good steward of the family assets. The "foolish son" gives little thought beyond his own pleasure, has no regard for the laws of God or society, is swift to act and slow to think, and has never heard a quarrel or saw a fight he could stay out of.

You don't have to be a son to be foolish or wise. Sons were traditionally born into a place of privilege, authority, and responsibility.

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