

2. The words of a leader reveal his/her heart. (vs 3:7-12)

a. Springs flow from their source

(Prov. 4:23-24, Prov. 18:4, Prov. 10:11)

i. Bitter or Sweet

ii. Fresh or salty (Prov. 12:18, Prov. 18:21)

b. Branches grow from their roots.

Application:

1. Check your leaders for consistency.

2. Don't promote leaders too quickly.

3. I need to check my own fruit.

3. The Wisdom of a Teacher is revealed in his/her life results.
(vs 3:13-18)

a. A Godly leader will evidence Godly wisdom

i. Godly Wisdom is pure, peaceable, gentle, accommodating,
full of mercy and good fruit, impartial, and not hypocritical

b. An ungodly leader will evidence worldly wisdom

i. Worldly wisdom is bitter, jealous, selfish, boasting, lying, demonic

c. A leader's effectiveness is seen in those he/she leads

i. Worldly leader – Disorder, evil practices

ii. Godly Leader – Peace, righteousness

Application:

1. What are the fruits of our leaders?

2. What are the fruits of potential leaders?

3. What is the fruit of my life?

4. What will I do about my fruit?

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