

# Character Builder

Message Notes

## Abigail: A Picture of Wisdom

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### Memory Verse:

*“For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding;”*

– Proverbs 2:6

### THE STORY OF NABAL AND ABIGAIL

(1 Samuel 25:2-42)

*“The name of the man was Nabal, and the name of his wife Abigail. And she was a woman of good understanding and beautiful appearance; but the man was harsh and evil in his doings.”*

– 1 Samuel 25:3

### I COOPERATE WITH THE LORD TO SKETCH WISDOM INTO MY CHARACTER WHEN I:

- MAINTAIN A HEALTHY \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

*“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.”* – Proverbs 9:10

*“Who are those who fear the Lord? He will show them the path they should choose.”*  
– Psalm 25:12 (NLT)

*“And if a stranger dwells with you in your land, you shall not mistreat him. The stranger who dwells among you shall be to you as one born among you, and you shall love him as yourself; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.”*  
– Leviticus 19:33-34

- **HONESTLY** \_\_\_\_\_, **THEN** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

*“Now one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal’s wife, saying, ‘Look, David sent messengers from the wilderness to greet our master; and he reviled them.’ ... Then Abigail made haste and took two hundred loaves of bread, two skins of wine, five sheep already dressed, five seahs of roasted grain, one hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and loaded them on donkeys. And she said to her servants, ‘Go on before me; see, I am coming after you.’  
But she did not tell her husband Nabal.”*

– 1 Samuel 25:14, 18-19

*“Wise people think before they act; fools don’t—and even brag about their foolishness.”*

– Proverbs 13:16 (NLT)

*“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.”* – James 1:5

- \_\_\_\_\_ **FROM A POSTURE OF** \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Now when Abigail saw David, she dismounted quickly from the donkey, fell on her face before David, and bowed down to the ground.”* – 1 Samuel 25:23

*“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus ... being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.”*

– Philippians 2:5, 8

- **DO** \_\_\_\_\_ **TO** \_\_\_\_\_.

*“So she fell at his feet and said: “On me, my lord, on me let this iniquity be! And please let your maidservant speak in your ears, and hear the words of your maidservant. Please, let not my lord regard this scoundrel Nabal. For as his name is, so is he: Nabal is his name, and folly is with him! But I, your maidservant, did not see the young men of my lord whom you sent.’ ... ‘Please forgive the trespass of your maidservant.’”* – 1 Samuel 25:24-25, 28

*“The wise are cautious and avoid danger; fools plunge ahead with reckless confidence.”*

– Proverbs 14:16 (NLT)

*“Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.”* – Romans 12:18 (NLT)

• **TO BRING ABOUT** •

*“We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps.” – Proverbs 16:9 (NLT)*

*“...But when the Lord has dealt well with my lord, then remember your maidservant.”  
– 1 Samuel 25:31*

*“Then it happened, after about ten days, that the Lord struck Nabal, and he died. So when David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, ‘Blessed be the Lord, who has pleaded the cause of my reproach from the hand of Nabal, and has kept His servant from evil! For the Lord has returned the wickedness of Nabal on his own head.’*

*And David sent and proposed to Abigail, to take her as his wife. When the servants of David had come to Abigail at Carmel, they spoke to her saying, ‘David sent us to you, to ask you to become his wife.’ Then she arose, bowed her face to the earth, and said, ‘Here is your maidservant, a servant to wash the feet of the servants of my lord.’”*

*– 1 Samuel 25:38-41*

**MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:**

- Memorize Proverbs 2:6.
- Take time in prayer this week reflecting on the nature of God and my reverent fear of Him.
- Ask God to help me speak and act in humility.
- Pray for God’s preferred outcomes in my life, family, work, and our church.

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