

## Being Foolish vs Being Wise (1)

The man was very wealthy, with large livestock herds and servants. His name, Nabal, the Bible tells us, means "Fool".

David and his men were hiding nearby from King Saul and David's men had been protecting Nabal's sheep and men. So in return, at shearing time David sent men to Nabal asking for food, telling him how they had stolen nothing and had protected Nabal's herds and men.

But Nabal would not listen, either to David's men or to his own servants who verified David's report. Instead, Nabal arrogantly insulted David.

Hearing of this, David's anger flamed and he told his men, "Put on your swords!" Vowing vengeance, David and 400 armed men marched toward Nabal's sheep ranch.

What would happen? (To be continued)



*Coffee/tea thought:* "The way of a fool is right in his own opinion, but the one who listens to advice is wise." (Proverbs 12:15 NET)

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Ref: The story is told in 1 Samuel 25

## 愚妄與智慧 (1)

這人是個大富人家，擁有眾多牲畜和僕人。他名叫拿八，聖經告訴我們，就是“愚頑”的意思。

大衛和他的僕人躲在掃羅王的附近，大衛的僕人一直在保護拿八的羊群和僕人。因此，到了剪羊毛的時候，大衛派人到拿八那裡求他賜些食物，並且告訴拿八他們並沒有偷竊他任何東西，他們如何看守保護他的牲畜和僕人，以致他一樣不失落。

不論是大衛的僕人所說的，或是拿八自己的僕人聲稱大衛所說的確實是如此，拿八卻完全不聽，反而傲慢地辱罵大衛。

大衛聽到了，大怒，對他的僕人說：“你們各人都要帶上刀！”大衛和四百名僕人都帶上刀往拿八的牧場去，發誓要伸冤。

結果呢？（未完待續）



*隨想：*“愚妄人所行的，在自己眼中看為正直；惟智慧人肯聽人的勸教。”（箴言 12:15）

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