

THE PROSPEROUS FOOL. 1 Sam. 25:1-38; Luke 12:13.

INTRODUCTION: (a) His name was Nabal. (b) He was churlish and evil. ~~MMMMM~~

(c) He was of the house of Caleb. Caleb means literally a dog. Of Nabal some versions read "doglike." Nabal was one who like a dog, though he has plenty, yet grudges a bite to others. We consider Nabal's advantages which were great:

1. Nabal belonged to a good family.

(a) Though of the house of Caleb Nabal inherited none of the better qualities of his illustrious ancestor. (b) Unless rightly used, religious privileges such a Nabal must have enjoyed in connection with Israel only serve to increase condemnation.

2. Nabal possessed an excellent wife. How Abigail came to marry such as Nabal I do not know. She was of:

(a) A good understanding and of a beautiful countenance.

(b) By her action she is seen to be:

1. Prudent; 2. Generous; 3. Devout.

"A prudent wife is from the Lord." Pro. 19:14  
Proverbs 18:22. (c) The spiritual condition of most men is improved by the:

1. EXAMPLE; 2. COUNSEL; 3. Prayers of a good wife. Not so with Nabal.

3. He enjoyed immense prosperity. His abundance should make him thankful to God and generous to men. With Nabal it was the reverse. "The prosperity of fools shall destroy them."

*my wife, my crown, my delight.*  
Prov. 1:32: Deut. 8:10-20: *His character was worthless*  
*hard, harsh*

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