

Wisdom is Calling You!

Proverbs 9:1 **Wisdom** hath builded her house, She hath hewn out her seven pillars: 2 She hath killed her beasts; she hath mingled her wine; She hath also furnished her table. 3 She hath sent forth her maidens: She crieth upon the highest places of the city, 4 Whoso *is* **simple**, let him **turn in hither:** *As for* him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him, 5 Come, eat of my bread, And drink of the wine *which* I have mingled. 6 **Forsake the foolish, and live;** And go in the way of understanding. 7 He that **reproveth** a scorner getteth to himself **shame:** And he that **rebuketh** a wicked *man* getteth himself a **blot.** 8 **Reprove not a scorners,** lest he hate thee: **Rebuke a wise man,** and he will love thee. 9 Give *instruction* to a wise *man*, and he will be yet wiser: Teach a just *man*,

and he will increase in learning. 10 The fear of the Lord *is* the beginning of wisdom: And the knowledge of the holy *is* understanding. 11 For by me thy days shall be multiplied, And the years of thy life shall be increased. 12 If thou be wise, thou shalt be wise for thyself: But *if* thou scornest, thou alone shalt bear *it*. 13 **A foolish woman**

is clamorous: *She is* simple, and knoweth nothing. 14 For she sitteth at the door of her house, On a seat in the high places of the city, 15 To call passengers Who go right on their ways: 16 Whoso *is* **simple**, let him turn in hither: And *as for* him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him, 17 Stolen waters are sweet, And bread *eaten* in secret is pleasant. 18 But he knoweth not that the dead *are* there; *And that* her guests *are* in the depths of hell.

- This is Wisdom's third call 9:4 Whoso *is* simple, let him turn in hither: *As for* him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him, 5 Come, eat of my bread, And drink of the wine *which* I have mingled.

- The first invitation went to the fool, the scorner and the simple
- Her second invitation was only to the fool and the simple
8:5 O ye simple, understand wisdom: And, ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart.
- The fool decided to follow Folly and experienced death
- The simple too will reject Wisdom's gracious call and end up in the depths of hell
- The lesson is obvious: to reject Wisdom is to accept Folly.
- There is no middle ground. "He that is not with Me is against Me," said Jesus.
- "No man can serve two masters," and nobody can live without having some master.
- We either follow Wisdom or Folly, Christ or sin.

1. Wisdom prepares a wonderful banquet 9:1 **Wisdom** hath builded her house, She hath hewn out her seven pillars: 2 She hath killed her beasts; she hath mingled her wine; She hath also furnished her table. 3 She hath sent forth her maidens: She crieth upon the highest places of the city, 4 Whoso is **simple**, let him **turn**

in hither: *As for him that wanteth understanding,* she saith to him, **5** Come, eat of my bread, And drink of the wine *which* I have mingled. **6** **Forsake the foolish, and live;** And go in the way of understanding.

- a. Salvation and serving Christ is more like a banquet than a burden
 - b. The food and drink have been prepared
 - c. The invitation is given
 - d. There is no price assigned just come and want to learn
 - e. All the simple one had to was turn from his foolishness and live
 - f. There was salvation waiting
 - g. Never present Christ, wisdom and the Word of God like a funeral but more like a banquet
2. Know who to teach **7** He that **reproveth** a scorner getteth to himself **shame:** And he that **rebuketh** a wicked *man* getteth himself a **blot.** **8** **Reprove**

not a scorner, lest he hate thee:

Rebuke a wise man, and he will love

thee. **9** Give *instruction* to a **wise man,** and he will

be yet wiser: Teach a **just man,** and he will increase

in learning.

a. These are words of wisdom for the discipler

- i. You must learn who you can rebuke and who you should not rebuke
- ii. We waste our time on people who are not interested.
- iii. They are only using you to get what they want.
- iv. If you are going to train leaders be careful to watch the attitude of the one that you working with.
- v. If he rebels remember you will only get a blot and a shame for having tried to tell him something.
- vi. He will hate you for reproofing him **9:8**

Reprove not a scorner, lest he

hate thee: **Rebuke a wise man,** and

he will love thee.

vii. He may withdraw from you.

viii. Many times they will not even look at you nor talk to you but the wise man will love you and keep coming back for more.

ix. This is a way to find out who can be trained for great leadership.

x. Give this man instruction **9:9** Give *instruction* to a **wise man**, and he will be yet wiser: Teach a **just man**, and he will increase in learning.

xi. This is not a lesson about basic discipleship. We will teach everyone the basics if they will listen

xii. Not all should be or can be trained to be leaders of leaders. Many will be unteachable!

b. Shame from the scorner **7** He that **reproveth** a scorner getteth to himself **shame**: And he that **rebuketh** a wicked *man* getteth himself a **blot**. **8**
Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: **Rebuke a wise man**, and he will love thee.

- i. Shame and a blot is all you can expect from the scoffer or mocker
- ii. He will talk bad about you
- iii. He will try to destroy your reputation
- iv. He will hate you

c. Love from the wise **8** **Reprove not a scorner,** lest he hate thee: **Rebuke a wise man,** and he will love thee. **9** Give *instruction* to a **wise man,** and he will be yet wiser: Teach a **just man,** and he will increase in learning.

- i. The wise man will love you for your help
- ii. The wise man will get wiser
- iii. The just man will learn more

3. There is great good in accepting the invitation **10** **The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: And the knowledge of the holy is understanding.** **11** **For by me thy days shall be multiplied, And the years of thy life**

shall be increased. 12 If thou be wise, thou shalt be wise for thyself: But *if* thou scornest, thou alone shalt bear *it*.

- a. As you turn in respect towards the Lord you get wisdom and understanding
- b. The quality of your life greatly increases
- c. Wisdom improves your life
- d. Your decision is yours alone. It is an individual matter.
- e. Nothing guarantees the building of your character but the decisions you take
- f. Character is built on decisions, and bad decisions will create bad character.

4. Come to the banquet or head on to death and hell 13 **A**

foolish woman *is* clamorous: *She is* simple, and knoweth nothing. 14 For she sitteth at the door of her house, On a seat in the high places of the city, 15 To call passengers Who go right on their ways: 16 Whoso **is simple**, let him turn in hither: And *as for* him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him, 17 Stolen waters are sweet, And bread *eaten* in secret is pleasant.

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- a. Sin has pleasure for a brief time **Hebrews 11:25**
Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of
God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; **26**
Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than
the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the
recompence of the reward.
- b. Sin brings death **James 1:13** Let no man say when he
is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be
tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: **14** But
every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his
own lust, and enticed. **15** Then when lust hath
conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is
finished, bringeth forth death. **16** Do not err, my
beloved brethren.
- c. Practical lessons to take away
 - i. You can't avoid decisions. Decision determines
destiny.

1. We choose either the path of Wisdom or the path of Folly
2. We cannot postpone this decision or avoid it.
3. To choose one is to reject the other; to reject one is to choose the other.
4. What decision have *you* made?
 - ii. Sin is attractive and can deceive you
 - iii. Judgement doesn't always happen quickly
 - iv. Satan and sin appeal to the flesh, carnal desires
 - v. God continues calling