

**GOD'S WISDOM FOR LIFE - PART 11:
"WISDOM OR FOLLY?"**

Proverbs 9:1-18

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*Choosing the way of wisdom means
humbly receiving correction that's
centered on God's wisdom.*

I. Intentionally choose the way of Wisdom (vv. 1-6, 13-18)

¹ Wisdom has built her house;
she has hewn her seven pillars.

² She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine;
she has also set her table.

³ She has sent out her young women to call
from the highest places in the town,

⁴ "Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!"

To him who lacks sense she says,

⁵ "Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.

⁶ Leave your simple ways, and live,
and walk in the way of insight."

¹³ The woman Folly is loud;
she is seductive and knows nothing.

¹⁴ She sits at the door of her house;
she takes a seat on the highest places of the town,

¹⁵ calling to those who pass by,
who are going straight on their way,

¹⁶ "Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!"

And to him who lacks sense she says,

¹⁷ "Stolen water is sweet,

and bread eaten in secret is pleasant."

¹⁸ But he does not know that the dead are there,
that her guests are in the depths of Sheol.

II. Humbly receive correction along the way (vv. 7-9, 11-12)

⁷ Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse,
and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury.

⁸ Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you;
reprove a wise man, and he will love you.

⁹ Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser;
teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.

¹¹ For by me your days will be multiplied,
and years will be added to your life.

¹² If you are wise, you are wise for yourself;
if you scoff, you alone will bear it.

III. Continuously pursue God and His wisdom (v. 10)

¹⁰ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.