



PROVERBS



Wisdom for Living As Disciples

THE FOOLISHNESS OF SIN

RECAP

- Answer the question: “How do we gain wisdom?”
- Proverbs 1:7+9:10 revealed: The Fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge and wisdom.
- Defined Fear: a profound reverence and awe towards God coupled with a healthy awareness of the danger brought about by our sin.
- Determined: To grow a healthy Fear of the LORD we must stop and seek God regularly

Proverbs 2:20-22

**20 Thus you will walk in the ways of the good
and keep to the paths of the righteous.**

**21 For the upright will live in the land,
and the blameless will remain in it;**

**22 but the wicked will be cut off from the land,
and the unfaithful will be torn from it.**

Red OR Blue



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(FOLLY)

DELUDED IGNORANCE

Proverbs 2:1-8

1 My son, if you accept my words

and store up my commands within you,

2 turning your ear to wisdom

and applying your heart to understanding—

3 indeed, if you call out for insight

and cry aloud for understanding,

4 and if you look for it as for silver

and search for it as for hidden treasure,

Proverbs 2:1-8

**5 then you will understand the fear of the Lord
and find the knowledge of God.**

**6 For the Lord gives wisdom;
from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.**

**7 He holds success in store for the upright,
he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless,**

**8 for he guards the course of the just
and protects the way of his faithful ones.**

Proverbs 3:1-8

- 1 My son, do not forget my teaching,
but keep my commands in your heart,**
- 2 for they will prolong your life many years
and bring you peace and prosperity.**
- 3 Let love and faithfulness never leave you;
bind them around your neck,
write them on the tablet of your heart.**
- 4 Then you will win favor and a good name
in the sight of God and man.**

Proverbs 3:1-8

**5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;**

**6 in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.**

**7 Do not be wise in your own eyes;
fear the Lord and shun evil.**

**8 This will bring health to your body
and nourishment to your bones.**

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FOLLY

- **“For lack of discipline they will die, led astray by their own great folly.” (Proverbs 5:23)**
- **“Folly is an unruly woman; she is simple and knows nothing.” (Proverbs 9:13)**
- **“The prudent keep their knowledge to themselves, but a fool’s heart blurts out folly.” (Proverbs 12:23)**
- **“All who are prudent act with knowledge, but fools expose their folly.” (Proverbs 13:16)**
- **“The wisdom of the prudent is to give thought to their ways, but the folly of fools is deception.” (Proverbs 14:8)**
- **“The simple inherit folly, but the prudent are crowned with knowledge.” (Proverbs 14:18)**
- **“The wealth of the wise is their crown, but the folly of fools yields folly.” (Proverbs 14:24)**
- **“Whoever is patient has great understanding, but one who is quick-tempered displays folly.” (Proverbs 14:29)**
- **“The tongue of the wise adorns knowledge, but the mouth of the fool gushes folly.” (Proverbs 15:2)**
- **“The discerning heart seeks knowledge, but the mouth of a fool feeds on folly.” (Proverbs 15:14)**

FOLLY cont.

- **“Folly brings joy to one who has no sense, but whoever has understanding keeps a straight course.” (Proverbs 15:21)**
- **“Prudence is a fountain of life to the prudent, but folly brings punishment to fools. (Proverbs 16:22)**
- **“Better to meet a bear robbed of her cubs than a fool bent on folly.” (Proverbs 17:12)**
- **“To answer before listening— that is folly and shame.” (Proverbs 18:13)**
- **“A person’s own folly leads to their ruin, yet their heart rages against the Lord.” (Proverbs 19:3)**
- **“Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline will drive it far away.” (Proverbs 22:15)**
- **“The schemes of folly are sin, and people detest a mocker.” (Proverbs 24:9)**
- **“Do not answer a fool according to his folly, or you yourself will be just like him.” (Proverbs 26:4)**
- **“answer a fool according to his folly, or he will be wise in his own eyes.” (Proverbs 26:5)**
- **“As a dog returns to its vomit, so fools repeat their folly.” (Proverbs 26:11)**
- **“Though you grind a fool in a mortar, grinding them like grain with a pestle, you will not remove their folly from them.” (Proverbs 27:22)**

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Proverbs 1:20-33

20 Out in the open wisdom calls aloud,
she raises her voice in the public square;

21 on top of the wall she cries out,
at the city gate she makes her speech:

22 “How long will you who are simple love your simple ways?
How long will mockers delight in mockery
and fools hate knowledge?

23 Repent at my rebuke!

Then I will pour out my thoughts to you,
I will make known to you my teachings.

Proverbs 1:20-33

24 But since you refuse to listen when I call
and no one pays attention when I stretch out my hand,

25 since you disregard all my advice
and do not accept my rebuke,

26 I in turn will laugh when disaster strikes you;
I will mock when calamity overtakes you—

27 when calamity overtakes you like a storm,
when disaster sweeps over you like a whirlwind,
when distress and trouble overwhelm you.

28 “Then they will call to me but I will not answer;
they will look for me but will not find me,

Proverbs 1:20-33

29 since they hated knowledge

and did not choose to fear the Lord.

30 Since they would not accept my advice

and spurned my rebuke,

31 they will eat the fruit of their ways

and be filled with the fruit of their schemes.

32 For the waywardness of the simple will kill them,

and the complacency of fools will destroy them;

33 but whoever listens to me will live in safety

and be at ease, without fear of harm.

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