

Listen to Wise Counsel (Proverbs)

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Introduction: The Purpose of Proverbs . . .

¹The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel:

²To know wisdom and instruction, To discern the sayings of understanding,

³To receive instruction in wise behavior, Righteousness, justice and equity;

⁴To give prudence to the naive, To the youth knowledge and discretion,

⁵A wise man will hear and increase in learning, And a man of understanding will acquire wise counsel (Prov. 1:1-5).

Notes:

1. _____ Wise Counsel

The beginning of wisdom is: Acquire wisdom; And with all your acquiring, get understanding (Prov. 4:7).

¹⁰Take my instruction and not silver, And knowledge rather than choicest gold.

¹¹For wisdom is better than jewels; And all desirable things cannot compare with her (Prov. 8:10-11).

Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, But he who hates reproof is stupid (Prov. 12:1).

The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, But a wise man is he who listens to counsel (Prov. 12:15).

Through insolence comes nothing but strife, But wisdom is with those who receive counsel (Prov. 13:10).

He whose ear listens to the life-giving reproof, Will dwell among the wise (Prov. 15:31).

¹He who separates himself seeks his own desire, He quarrels against all sound wisdom.

²A fool does not delight in understanding, But only in revealing his own mind (Prov. 18:1-2).

He who gets wisdom loves his own soul; He who keeps understanding will find good (Prov. 19:8).

Listen to counsel and accept discipline, That you may be wise the rest of your days (Prov. 19:20).

2. Get Wise Counsel _____

⁶For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding.

⁷He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk in integrity (Prov. 2:6-7).

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding (Prov. 9:10).

3. Get Wise Counsel _____

The thoughts of the righteous are just, But the counsels of the wicked are deceitful (Prov. 12:5).

The righteous is a guide to his neighbor, But the way of the wicked leads them astray (Prov. 12:26).

Leave the presence of a fool, Or you will not discern words of knowledge (Prov. 14:7).

He who walks with wise men will be wise, But the companion of fools will suffer harm (Prov. 13:20).

Faithful are the wounds of a friend, But deceitful are the kisses of an enemy (Prov. 27:6).

4. Get Wise Counsel _____

He who walks with wise men will be wise, But the companion of fools will suffer harm (Prov. 13:20).

The wise of heart will receive commands, But a babbling fool will be ruined (Prov. 10:8).

Wise men store up knowledge, But with the mouth of the foolish, ruin is at hand (Prov. 10:14).

He is on the path of life who heeds instruction, But he who ignores reproof goes astray (Prov. 10:17).

He who turns away his ear from listening to the law, Even his prayer is an abomination (Prov. 28:9).

5. Get Wise Counsel _____

²⁴"Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock.

²⁵"And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock.

²⁶"Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.

²⁷"The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell—and great was its fall."

²⁸When Jesus had finished these words, the crowds were amazed at His teaching;

²⁹for He was teaching them as one having authority, and not as their scribes (Matthew 7:24–29).

What is foolishness? _____

What is wisdom? _____

But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him (James 1:5).

Notes:

Review Questions

1. Evaluate the last 12 months. Have you sought wise counsel from others, or have you tackled life independently?
2. Search your heart. Do you allow others to bring correction to your life, or do you avoid people who will tell the truth?
3. List the names of people who act as your counselors, or who will act as your counselors in the future.
4. Use Hebrew definitions (not Greek definitions) to answer the following: What is foolishness? What is wisdom?
5. What wrong thinking must you put off and what right thinking must you put on in order to pursue wisdom?
6. In what areas of your life do you need to be more wise? What practical steps will you take to be wise?
7. Please share with others the changes you plan to make, and ask someone to keep you accountable.