

CHAPTER 9

Proverbs 9:1 Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars:

The world's most desirable woman has built a hotel, and you are invited to stay there free for the rest of your life. It is the perfect place to live with delightful amenities for your every need and total protection from every danger. What do you think, son?

Proverbs is poetical with beautiful and powerful language. It has parables, and personifications among many forms. Here is personification, where wisdom is a beautiful woman offering friendship with men for their safety and success. See the notes on ***Proverbs 8:1***.

Our Lady Wisdom has built a house, one large enough to accommodate many, so we think of a hotel. Here you can live a safe and long life in prosperity and pleasure, for she has designed every feature to satisfy your needs and desires. It is the paradise we seek.

There are many rooms available, and the Lady is calling for guests (***Proverbs 1:20-21; 8:1-4***).

The only condition for entry is to be foolish and have a desire to be wise! There is no cost, and you will never be discharged, unless you no longer want friendship with her. (***Isaiah 55:1-3***)

The hotel is supported and decorated by seven beautiful pillars, which are the permanent perfection of wisdom. Seven is the perfect number of God and wisdom (***Genesis 2:1-3***). See also ***James 3:11-18***.

You need not worry about decay, for it was set up from everlasting (***Proverbs 8:23***). Admire it!

You must choose. Would you live here the rest of your life? Or do the foolish men in the street attract you more (***Proverbs 1:10-19; 9:6***)?

Does the strange woman sitting at the door of her house tempt you to stay with her (***Proverbs 7:8; 9:13-17***)? See the notes on ***Proverbs 9:15***.

Most pass by Lady Wisdom's beautiful hotel without any interest, for they are infatuated with the lusts of their flesh and eyes and the pride of life. They do not want wisdom, for they are in love with the world's foolishness and their own thoughts (***1John 2:15-17***).

Lady Wisdom's hotel seems boring to their ignorant and depraved minds. But to those who enter and partake of the offered amenities, they will find all precious substance, pleasure, and long life (***Proverbs 3:13-18; 8:11, 18-21***).

Look at her preparations for you (***Proverbs 9:2-5***)!

Do not neglect her invitation. Rooms are free: but rejection is very costly. If you reject her free offer of peace and prosperity, she will punish your foolish heart with calamities and trouble. She will leave you to your own destruction with fear and trembling (***Proverbs 1:24-32***).

She will turn to be your enemy and your life will be turned upside down with grief and pain.

A noble man ^{a man of character} will humble himself, give grateful thanks to God, and run into the hotel today!

A noble man will use the information desk and concierge to explore every opportunity and amenity it has to offer.

A noble man will apply himself with all diligence to keep the rules of the house for a perpetual stay in health and happiness.

Our Lady's house is the place of wisdom. It is the source of understanding and instruction. You choose her house by choosing the path of wisdom laid out in Scripture. You reject her by keeping your own thoughts and following the ideas of this world.

It should be a simple choice for a noble man, however, most men will take the wide road to hell.

The Lord Jesus has built this house, and the Church and the temple of the living God (***Matthew 16:18***).

This is where the Holy Spirit lives for the comfort and success of His people (***Ephesians 2:19-22; 1Timothy 3:15***).

By entering it with a pure heart full of faith, we join this heavenly place, filled with the spirits of just men and angels (***Hebrews 12:22-24***).

Are you entering His house with the zeal of those who heard John the Baptist and Jesus? They pressed into the kingdom of God with force (***Matthew 11:12-13; Luke 16:16***)!

Is His house so important, that you would rather be a doorkeeper there than live anywhere else (***Psalms 84:10***)?

Is His house more important to you than anything else (***Psalms 137:5-6***)?

Lord, lead us to Wisdom and never let us stray. Cause us to run in the way of your commandments; incline our hearts to your precepts; deliver us from temptation and evil. Amen?

Proverbs 9:2 She hath killed her beasts; she hath mingled her wine; she hath also furnished her table.

The world's most desirable woman has prepared a magnificent feast, just for you! She has gone to great lengths to obtain the finest meat, drink, and furnishings. She invites you to dine with her and receive her kind affection and friendship for the rest of your life.

She is Lady Wisdom and she offers knowledge, understanding, and wisdom. Will you accept her invitation?

Continuing his personification of wisdom as the perfect woman, Solomon describes her preparations for a banquet for two. See the comments on ***Proverbs 9:1***.

The Holy Spirit used Solomon's abilities and variety of methods to teach his son wisdom, and here he provides a glorious replacement and antagonist^{opposer} for the strange woman, who seeks to destroy the lives of young men.

In one short chapter he describes the character and advances of the strange woman (***Proverbs 13-18***).

Solomon also describes the free offer of Lady wisdom (***Proverbs 1-5***).

Since the flood, vegetables have never been the basis for a great meal. They were only eaten when people were too poor to afford real food, meat. Salads are a recent invention, a fad of the last two generations. Banquets and feasts were not, and are not, based on salads and vegetables.

They require meat, generally not even fish or fowl. Filet mignon, leg of lamb, Beef Wellington, Prime rib, Veal roast: these are entrees for a meal!

When Abraham hosted the Lord, he didn't fix a salad or broccoli casserole; he prepared fresh bread, milk, and butter to go with the veal entrée (***Genesis 18:1-8***).

The Lord assumes men desire oxen and sheep in a real dinner (***Deuteronomy 14:26***).

David celebrated the moving of the ark by giving every person a piece of meat and a flagon of wine (***2Samuel 6:19***)!

Vegetarianism is a symptom of modern paganism, the rejection of the true God and His Word for the superstitions and fables of men and the pantheistic worship of animals.

God gave man dominion over animals at creation (***Genesis 1:26-28***).

God told man to eat meat after the flood (***Genesis 9:1-4***).

The sacrifices he chose under Moses' law were primarily red meat, and his people were taught how to eat red meat.

Elementary nutrition reveals quickly that meat is by far the most nutrient-dense food known to man. Let cattle eat a hundred pounds of salad in the field, you will only have to eat eight ounces of steak! Let the wisdom of God teach you, this simple lesson.

Note: And what would a meal be without good wine? (words for grape juice and fermented wine are the same in the Bible) Take great care to realize logically and spiritually, that our Lord Jesus Christ was to be a perfect, undefiled sacrifice. He would not therefore drink fermented corrupting wine, neither should you.

Your elegant hostess has not just opened one bottle; she has opened two or three, in order to mingle several different varieties of grape juice, to create a unique blend with perfect taste and properties for her banquet. And what should we have with the mingled wine? Bread, of course (***Proverbs 9:5***)! More wisdom from the Lord!

The table is set. The candles are lit. The linen cloth and napkins, the china and silver, and the decorations are all spotless. The setting is magnificent and inviting. Will you accept her most gracious offer? Wisdom and understanding are offered to you.

Will you humble yourself before the instruction of these Proverbs, God's Holy Scriptures, and his ministers to learn the way of righteousness?

Or will you stumble through life without a clue and be taken easily by the strange woman instead?

If you reject her offer, it will cost you dearly (*Proverbs 4:19; 13:15; 15:10*).

And when you need her most, she will withdraw her offer and shake her head at your calamity (***Proverbs 1:20-32***).

There is a feast in the Gospel, of meaty things. Humble yourself before Jesus Christ and join one of His God fearing Churches, that faithfully preach His Word, to partake (***Isaiah 25:6-8; 55:1-4; Philippians 1:5***).

Is there a meatless feast? Indeed! The feast of the New Testament is simply bread and wine, symbolic elements reminding us of our Lord's death (***1Corinthians 5:7-8; 11:20-21***).

The greatest feast is yet to come, the marriage supper of the Lamb. Only those who have humbled themselves before the Gospel and are found dressed in the wedding garments of righteousness, provided by the Lord will

participate in this dinner (*Matthew 22:1-14; Revelation 19:9*).

All those who reject this Lamb of God shall be themselves meat for the fowls of the air at the supper of the great God (*Revelation 19:17-21*)!

Proverbs 9:3 She hath sent forth her maidens: she crieth upon the highest places of the city,

The world's most glorious woman wants you! She wants you to move into her wonderful house with seven pillars (*Proverbs 9:1*).

The world's most glorious woman has prepared a magnificent feast (*Proverbs 9:2*).

The world's most glorious woman wants you to sit down and have an intimate meal with her (*Proverbs 9:5*). See the comments on *Proverbs 9:1-2*.

The Holy Spirit through Solomon, continues personifying wisdom as a desirable woman, Lady Wisdom. Do not leap to speculative ideas about pastors and street preaching as an interpretation and application of this verse!

Such spiritualization misses the practical value the Holy Spirit intended, by contrasting Lady Wisdom to the strange woman. See the comments on *Proverbs 9:4*.

Wisdom is available for any man or woman who wants it. It is not far away; it is not difficult to obtain. It is not hard to find; it is not just for the world's elitist, the intelligent or educated. Any simple person who wants it can have it! The only condition required is simplicity (*Proverbs 9:4*)!

If you do not know what to do, wisdom is calling you! The LORD offers it to men. All they must do, is act on the invitation to humble themselves before God and diligently apply the instruction He gives.

Wisdom is found in creation (*Psalms 19:1-6*).

Wisdom is found in parents, teachers, counselors, and pastors (*Proverbs 5:13; 24:6; Malachi 2:7; Ephesians 6:4*).

Wisdom is mostly found in the Word of God (*Psalms 19:7-11*).

The psalmist declared, "*The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple*" (*Psalms 119:130*).

Wisdom can make a minister perfect (*2Timothy 3:16-17*).

You should give great attention to wisdom, as the only light in this dark world (*Isaiah 8:20; 2Peter 1:19*).

God Has Given Us A Manual Of Wisdom In The Scriptures!

God has also promised to give His Spirit of wisdom to those who ask; and He will give that Spirit and wisdom liberally (*Luke 11:13; Ephesians 1:17; Colossians 1:9; James 1:5*).

The exact same offer Solomon received from God. How often do you pray for wisdom and understanding?

Do you hear wisdom crying from the highest places of the city? Have you noticed her trying to get your attention? You cannot please God without it. You cannot be successful or happy without it. You cannot face God after death without it.

If you continue to squander and reject her call, one day, she will mock your rebellion (*Proverbs 1:20-32; 29:1*).

Test your heart toward Lady Wisdom. Do you appreciate your parents reproving you? Friends correcting you? A pastor warning you? Do you crave the assemblies of the saints, where the Word of God is boldly preached? Even when the sermon is long?

Test your heart. Do you focus and consume these Proverbs carefully, seeking to extract every morsel of wisdom you can? Do you love the Lord Jesus Christ, Who is Wisdom to us (*1Corinthians 1:30; Colossians 2:3*)?

Proverbs 9:4 Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither: as for him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him,

Simple men have two options. They can accept Lady Wisdom's sincere invitation for wisdom and a blessed life. Or they can fall for a whore's lying seduction for death and hell.

With a very powerful comparison, the Holy Spirit through Solomon lays out the choices of life and death for his children, for a nation, and for you.

Listen Carefully! Every Man Shall Bear His Own Burden!

Watch closely, and see the precious comparison: Two women are after your soul. Both are beautiful.

The beauty of one is timeless; that of the other very short. One speaks the truth; the other lies from beginning to end.

Both are pleasant; but the pleasure of one is for a very short season, and the pleasure of the other is for eternity. Two women call!

"Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither: as for him that wanteth understanding," she saith to him, "Come, eat of my bread, and drink of the wine which I have mingled. Forsake the foolish, and live; and go in the way of understanding" (Proverbs 9:4-6).

This is the beautiful and noble Lady Wisdom, who has been described and speaking since the beginning of **Proverbs 8:1**.

The other beautiful woman calls as well: *"Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither: and as for him that wanteth understanding," she saith to him, "Stolen waters are sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant" (Proverbs 9:16-17).*

This is the lustful and fatally dangerous whorish woman, who is described and speaking in **Proverbs 9:13-18**.

This foolish woman, this strange woman, this whore, is also beautiful, and she also calls you. She wants simple men and those that lack understanding to destroy them, for they know *"...not that the dead are there; and that her guests are in the depths of hell" (Proverbs 9:18).*

**A Wise Man
Is Too Difficult For Her To Seduce,
He Knows Her Wiles Cover Bitter Pain.**

At her table you are looking at the rapidly decaying features of a malicious liar, who is planning to take advantage of your simplicity for her own gain.

Her flattering Words are the anesthesia for your soul; her kisses are the kiss of death. Hell awaits you. You better run away!

Lady Wisdom is much more beautiful and has prepared a beautiful house, fully furnished, for your perpetual prosperity and comfort (**Proverbs 9:1-5**).

Her guests are luxuriously entertained and provided for to the eternal benefit of their souls. See the comments on **Proverbs 9:1-2**.

**Your Simplicity Does Not Offend Her,
She Is Willing To Serve You In Gaining Wisdom!**

She has prepared a feast for you, **If** you will simply take her gracious invitation. She offers you life, and that, an abundant life, **If** you will let her feed you the feast of wisdom, knowledge and understanding. At this table the simple can become wise and successful.

The only thing necessary for admittance is your simplicity.

If you lack wisdom and want to gain it, she will be your most willing host. Don't reject her offer. Accept it at once!

These are not merely two literal women, but a personification of the choices, every man must make in life.

Will a man seek and learn heavenly wisdom, and avoid the foolishness of this world that will destroy him? Or will he weakly let a whorish world take him down the seductive path to hell?

Simple men can learn wisdom and understanding with Lady Wisdom, who wants to serve and help men needing knowledge.

Simple men can become wise by filling their lives with God's precious Word.

Simple men can become wise by filling their lives with sound Bible preaching.

Simple men can become wise by filling their lives with godly music.

Simple men can become wise by filling their lives with the Lord's wise people.

**To Learn From Lady Wisdom
Shun This World's Ideas
Music, Entertainment, And Friends.**

But simple men can also be destroyed by the strange woman, who seeks to take advantage of their ignorance for her own ends.

The simple are just too ignorant to know her house is the way to death and hell.

The attentive reader is now informed and should ponder what house he has entered. Be not deceived, her pleasure is only for a moment.

All men by nature are simple and lacking understanding.

All Men Face These Choices:

Will I be wise or foolish?

Will I remain faithful to my wife or choose another?

Will I seek to correct my foolishness or

Will I allow it to be the vulnerability that destroys me?

Will I desire wisdom and prudence, or

Will folly and pleasure, be my companions through life?

To which woman do you believe and trust? Do you seek a simple Church of the Lord Jesus Christ where a banquet of grace, truth, and fellowship is spread for sinners?

Or do you fall for the seductive advances of the harlot church with her gaudy appeal, false doctrine, worldly popularity, and entertaining fables? Remember, her pleasure lasts only a short season, then comes the death and hell she hides behind a sensual cover.

Look instead for that chaste virgin of a pure Church meeting in apostolic simplicity and preaching the hard, unvarnished truth.

If you are not being convicted on a regular basis and growing in wisdom and understanding, it is likely that you have missed the Lord's Church and are in a carnal church of these perilous times. Let every reader take heed!

Proverbs 9:5 Come, eat of my bread, and drink of the wine which I have mingled.

Wisdom is easy. Only pride and stubbornness hinder you. Will you accept the generous offer, will you rebel to your own foolish way?

Lady Wisdom offers a feast in her house for your perpetual prosperity. She seeks your fellowship.

Choose your companion, Lady Wisdom or the seductive foolish woman (*Proverbs 9:5, 17*).

Solomon continues his personification of wisdom (*Proverbs 8:1 - 9:12*).

Here he contrasts the invitation of Lady Wisdom and the foolish woman, a whore (*Proverbs 9:1-6; 13-18*).

Both women have a house (*Proverbs 9:1, 14*). Both women call loudly to men (*Proverbs 9:3, 14*). Both use the same invitation (*Proverbs 9:4, 16*).

Lady wisdom offers life, the foolish woman death (*Proverbs 9:6, 11, 18*)!

And look at what's available at each house! Lady Wisdom has killed her beasts for wonderful steaks, mingled her precious pure un-fermented wine, and a gloriously furnished table (*Proverbs 9:2*).

She has baked wonderful bread. Her feast is substantial, pleasant, and a combination of the best components for fine dining! Will you accept?

But the foolish woman offers prison fare, bread and corrupted wine (*Proverbs 9:17*)!

Why would anyone accept such a horrible meal? Because she is a whore and suggests that water drunk illegally is sweet and bread eaten in a secret rendezvous is pleasant.

Though her meal has no substance, she seduces most men by the appeal of sinful eating. Will you accept?

Many Christians miss a good meal. Most reject the pure un-fermented wine, which cheers the heart of God and man (*Deuteronomy 14:26; Judges 9:13; Psalm 104:14-15*).

A salad, vegetables are hardly a meal; they are punishment! Let Wisdom guide your diet.

Both Melchizedek and Jesus chose fellowship with bread and wine. Grab hot French or Italian bread from the oven with a glass of the good fruit juice, and you will know. Then just add filet mignon (*Proverbs 9:2*)!

If you want a substantial meal that enhances health and is a wonderful dining experience, there is only one choice, Lady Wisdom. Her meal is filling, nutritious, and most pleasant.

How do you accept her invitation and eat at her table? Humble yourself before God and His Word and choose wisdom as your way of life (*Proverbs 1:7; 9:10; Psalms 19:7; 119:98-100*).

"Forsake the foolish, and live; and go in the way of understanding" (Proverbs 9:6).

**There Is A War For Your Soul
(1Peter 2:11)!**

Folly, which you were born loving, wants to destroy you. And here as a woman lying about her bread and water diet. She wants you to continue this folly.

Wisdom, which God offers, will prosper your life. There is nothing to be compared to it (*Proverbs 8:11*).

Wisdom, is presented as a lady offering perpetual peace and pleasure in her house (*Proverbs 9:1-6*).

Proverbs 9:6 Forsake the foolish, and live; and go in the way of understanding.

**Precious Advice!
Reject Foolish Friends!**

A blessed and peaceful life pleasing God and men, depends on it. Get away from all fools. Go in the way of righteousness (*Proverbs 12:28*).

**Choose The Lifestyle
Of Understanding!**

Pursue a holy and righteous life, and let no one hinder or tempt you in any other direction. Your survival, and your family survival, is at stake. Foolish friends will take you to destruction. See the comments on *Proverbs 4:15; 5:8; 13:20; 19:27; 25:5*.

Wisdom's first piece of advice, after offering a good home and feast for simple men, is to forsake fools and choose the way of wisdom (*Proverbs 9:1-5*).

The single best thing you can do for yourself is to cut off fools and their evil influence.

Bad company will drag you down and destroy your life, no matter how strong you think you are. **If** you want to live, really live, get away from fools, and choose a godly life of wisdom and understanding.

It is a simple concept, foolish influences corrupt good manners (*1Corinthians 15:33*).

Yet Paul had to warn, "*Be not deceived.*" Your heart, agreeing with Satan to destroy you, will justify foolish influences.

Satan whispers, "They will not affect you," or, "You should not be unfriendly," or, "Everyone is doing it, and they're okay," or worst of all, "You might influence them for good."

You may even be trying to justify foolish influences at this very moment!

Consider Lot. He didn't fear Sodom's influence. The better job was worth the risk. He and his family would be okay. After all, he was Abraham's nephew.

Lot chose a house near Sodom; then he moved into the city; then he joined the city council; then he let three daughters marry local men. He didn't forsake the foolish at all did he?

Foolish influences destroyed him, his wife, and all five daughters. What a disgraceful and wicked waste of seven lives!

Consider Rehoboam. He was Solomon's son and the object of many these Proverbs. But he rejected his father's wise counselors and chose college buddies for advice.

Did it affect his life? In just one generation, he lost his father's great nation and its prosperity, as ten of Israel's tribes rejected him and formed a new nation. What a disgusting waste!

Consider Jehoshaphat. A descendant of David and a great king of Judah, he chose to be a friend to Ahab, the pagan and profane king of Israel.

Jehoshaphat let his son marry Ahab's daughter. This union with a compromising and wicked man cost him blessings and peace in his reign, for the Lord was angry with him for the relationship.

The Lord removed three of his descendants out of the royal genealogy of Jesus Christ for this ungodly alliance.

Here is the issue for you in these considerations!

What is your Sodom?
Who are your counselors?
Who is your Ahab?

Have you rejected all fools in your life, in the schools for your children, in your profession or employment, in your church, and in you and your wife's social contacts?

Any friend or influence not equal to or greater in holiness and wisdom than yourself will eventually drag you down to their level. Guaranteed!

Do not lie to yourself! How do you choose friends?

David chose them this way: "*I am a companion of all them that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts*" (*Psalms 119:63*).

Again, "*A froward heart shall depart from me: I will not know a wicked person*" (*Psalms 101:4*).

He was very selective in his friends. Are you? Of course, you will have fewer friends this way, but that saves time and bother! Who needs extra friends, especially when they are destroying you!

All your friends are Christians? Really? How selective! Fully one-third of the earth is Christian. Does that make them all lovers of truth and wisdom? Religious people falsely accused Jesus and crucified Him! Your standards are way, way too low!

Real Christians live holy lives of self-denial, do not like earthly things, believe exactly what Paul taught, and are spiritually minded (*Titus 2:11-14; Philippians 3:18-19; Romans 16:17-18; 8:5-9*).

What about television? Do you read wisdom in the morning, blasting foolishness, and then watch it in the evening? David said, "*I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me*" (*Psalms 101:3*).

A television is morally neutral, when it is off! It is a damnable device of hell, when it is on!

There is hardly one minute of programming on any channel that Lady Wisdom would endorse.

A Its Very Best Television Programming Is Godless, Void Of Wisdom, Glorifying A False Philosophy

Humanism, Hopelessness, And Carnality.

The evil message spewing from televisions images and sounds destroys souls, especially vulnerable children mesmerized by its total captivation of their eyes and ears.

The most "wholesome" programming never promotes: faith, godliness, marriage, prayer, truthful doctrine, spirituality, pure truth, fathers, the Bible, etc.

The influence of the foolish can be subtle. Foolish friends apparently getting away with sin dull your hatred for it; their lack of spiritual conversation represses yours; and their cheerful encouragement for you to join them creates a strong temptation.

Television presentations of a godless and carnal lifestyle numb your sensitivity to spiritual thinking and holy living. The powerful audio-video glorification of sin excites your lusts horribly.

What about your church? Most churches today use folly to keep the children, soothe the unregenerate, and increase attendance and cash flow.

Is every word from the pulpit, and every activity of the Church, defensible by Scripture?

If it is not, then you are choosing folly even in your religion. Evil communications corrupt good manners (*1Corinthians 15:33*).

Measured by an effeminate manual from denominational headquarters, your church may pass as wise. **If** by the Word of God, it may not!

Parent, would you let your child spend the night with a serial child molester and murderer? You resent even the question? Lady Wisdom right here warns you that foolish influences will destroy their lives.

Do you see the danger? Your children's souls are far more important than their bodies! How can you let them choose their own friends, listen to their own music, select their own spouse, or have a television in their room?

The danger is clear! The fork in the road is right before you! To the left is the wide-open gate that leads to hell. Everyone else is entering that gate with laughter and a great community spirit, and they call for you to travel with them. To the right is a very restrictive and confining gate that leads to life. Hardly anyone at all is entering that gate, and they seem unusually sober and grave about it. Run for it! And run through it!

**Your Heart Is Desperately Wicked
And Lies To You More Than You Know
(Jeremiah 17:9)**

**Without God's Grace And Diligent Care,
You Will Default To Folly And Sin.**

But exposing yourself, to folly in any form, is certain disaster. It will allow you to be overcome!

Instead, "Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof" (*Romans 13:14*).

Pure religion before God is to keep yourself unspotted from the world (*James 1:27*).

Proverbs 9:7 He that reproveth a scorner getteth to himself shame: and he that rebuketh a wicked man getteth himself a blot.

What happens **If** you pet an angry rattlesnake? With a wicked hiss, it will bite quickly and viciously, piercing you with its poisonous fangs! Its forked tongue will dart in and out of a vile mouth, while its evil eyes stare at you with the coldness of hatred and murder.

What happens **If** you try to teach or correct a scorner? Same as above!

These devil-controlled souls will lash out with a venomous mouth and try to hurt you. They are reacting by the instinct of the spirit of their father within them (*John 8:44; 2Timothy 2:26*).

Scorners have forfeited affection and concern from wise men. Wasting time on scorners is foolish and risky.

Scorners are willful, disrespectful despisers of truth. And can spend their lives in suffering, which the Lord justly sends them. Wise men will not waste breath or reputations rebuking with them (*Proverbs 24:9; 2Timothy 2:23*).

What is a scorner? It is a character description of an evil person.

Scorners are bloated with arrogant conceit.

Scorners despise anyone who tries to help them with instruction or reproof.

Scorners' souls foam with hatred and resentment for anyone who does not treat them as a wise god and accept their depraved ideas (*Isaiah 29:20-21*).

What is a scorner? A person who scoffs at religion, resents correction, and derides teachers. A person set in his ways to do wickedness.

Scorners are not only stubborn, but they are disrespectful and haughty with ridiculous questions and arrogant responses to reproof.

If you help a scorner or wicked man, you will get shame and a blot.

A scorner will despise and ridicule your wise words; he will turn and hurt you; he will do all he can to destroy

your reputation; and you will expose yourself as a fool for wasting any time on such a person. There is no point in helping a scorner, and there are many points against helping one!

The simple are invited to hear wisdom (*Proverbs 9:4-5*). But a scorner is another category of fool altogether!

The Pharisees were scorners, and they gave Jesus a blot and then crucified Him. Jesus and the apostles would not waste time on them (*Matthew 7:6; 15:10-14; 21:23-27*).

Wise Men Identify And Avoid Scorners

Scorners primarily resent correction with proud anger (*Proverbs 13:1; 15:12; 19:28; 21:24*).

And rejecting scorners will bring peace to your life (*Proverbs 22:10*).

Wise men identify and reject their own scornful traits.

Wise men meekly take correction and reproof.

Proverbs 9:8 Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee.

Men respond two ways to reproof and rebuke, and the difference reveals their heart and character.

1. Either they appreciate correction, learn from it, and love the messenger. Or
2. They resent and reject it and hate the messenger.

What In Your Heart Is Your Character?

What wisdom is the Lord teaching here? First, and less important, we must learn to respond like wise men ourselves; but then, more importantly, we must learn to recognize the difference in others as well.

Wise men love to be corrected, for they know it is the only way to be wiser (*Proverbs 9:9*).

Wise men know this is true, even if the correction hurts (*Psalms 141:5*).

Wise men know that true love will rebuke and wound them, and they prefer this to the kisses and deceitful love of enemies (*Proverbs 27:5-6*).

When you reprove such a man, he will appreciate it (*Proverbs 25:12*).

Fools hate to be corrected, for their ignorant hearts believe they are right (*Proverbs 12:15; 23:9*).

Scorners are even worse than fools, for their raging pride will not accept rebuke; and they will hate the messenger and his message (*Proverbs 9:7*).

Scorners haughty conceit causes them to despise instruction, correction, or warning. Beware of them.

If a spirit is haughty and self-righteous, even seven men with good reasons will not move it (*Proverbs 26:16*).

It is amazing to watch scorners reject counsel and correction that would save them from trouble, but their arrogant hearts cannot bear being corrected.

Scorners have fed their souls the bread of conceit and pride for so long, they are beyond recovery (*Proverbs 21:24*).

Scorners are an abomination to men and it is best to reject them (*Proverbs 22:10; 24:9*).

While you might rebuke scorners a few times that shut their mouths, you must soon end debate with them for wise reasons (*Proverbs 26: 4-5*).

Wrangling, debating, and even entertaining the questions of such persons is neither wise nor right (*1 Timothy 6:3-5; 2 Timothy 2:16, 23*).

The Lord Jesus taught this Proverb in *Matthew 7:6*, where He commanded that we not cast our pearls before swine nor give holy things to dogs.

The pearls and holy things are the precious jewels of God's wisdom and truth. And God gave two wise reasons. These conceited, brute beasts will first mock your words and then will pervert them against you.

Flee from these wicked persons. And correct any tendencies in your lives and those of your family members to be like them.

Proverbs 9:9 Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.

Good Men Grow In Wisdom And Learning. Are You Growing?

Instruction and teaching are blessings from God, and good men take advantage of them to gain in knowledge and understanding.

The character of any man or woman can be easily seen by their degree of growth in wisdom and learning. What is your character?

This Proverb and its context has two lessons (*Proverbs 9:7-9*).

1. It is your duty to allocate more effort and resources to attentive and noble hearers.
2. It is the character that is known by its response to correction and teaching.

Some men get better; others backslide. Children seldom scorn parents openly; Church members seldom scorn pastors openly.

How do we spot scorers? Measure wisdom and learning!

If one thinks, talks, and lives like 10 years ago, he is a scorer. Wise men grow! You cannot stand still about truth and wisdom.

Either you grow both, or you backslide in both.

Either you are defeating the lusts of your mind, or they are defeating you.

Either you are rejecting the world's philosophy, or the world's philosophy is capturing you.

Either God is guiding you to more truth, or He is hiding truth from you (*Luke 8:18*)!

You were born totally ignorant. You should crave learning and wisdom, lest you stay ignorant.

The pursuit and obtaining of wisdom is the principal goal of life (*Proverbs 4:7; 16:16*).

Obtaining wisdom, should be your chief ambition? If wisdom is, then you will apply yourself to take advantage of every opportunity to learn the truth and wisdom of God from the instruction you receive.

It is great folly to squander God's grace and waste learning opportunities He gives.

God commanded, "*As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby*" (*1Peter 2:2*).

It is a command to desire the Word in order to grow. It is disgraceful, **If** you have been taught enough to be a teacher, and you still need be taught (*Hebrews 5:12-14*).

What are the causes of squandered opportunities?

Stubbornness (*1Samuel 15:23*).

Conceitedness (*Proverbs 26:12*).

Laziness (*Proverbs 18:1-2*).

Carnality (*1Corinthians 3:1-3*).

Why? because some do not focus or prepare; some are discouraged by persecution; some are choked by ambition (*Luke 8:11-14*).

Not having understanding is a sin (*Jeremiah 5:21; Romans 1:31*).

We are to grow in grace and the knowledge of Jesus Christ (*2Peter 3:18*).

You can pass your enemies, teachers, and the ancients: by keeping God's Words with you, meditating on them, and obeying them (*Psalms 119:98-100*).

Proverbs 9:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.

Fools say, "There is no God" (*Psalms 14:1; 53:1*)!

Fools are hopelessly insane as they face life and its perplexities. Belief in the existence of God and reverently desiring to please Him. Is the absolute prerequisite for wisdom.

Knowing that there is a Holy God with eternal power and the Godhead, is the absolute necessity for true understanding. Choose them both today!

All Men Reason From Chosen Assumptions

Consider this well: A wise man reasons from faith that ". . . . *God is, and He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him*" (*Hebrews 11:6*).

Since Scripture is easily proven to be a divine revelation of truth and wisdom, they include this important fact: within the Scriptures are perfect answers for every dilemma of man. Wise men, beginning with the fear of the LORD, approach life soberly and successfully.

A foolish man reasons from his own existence and the thoughts of his depraved imagination. His opinions are peer-based between human sentiment and self-justification.

A foolish man has no absolutes or limits to restrain his hallucinations.

A foolish man's own heart is his god, and he wallows in his own feelings.

A foolish man may call it science, evolution and psychology, but it is only vain babbling to rid the universe of a sovereign God and moral restraints (*1Timothy 6:20*).

Which of these two classes of men is reasonable? To enter life as a helpless, nursing, messing infant and think that your thoughts twenty years later are noble, sound, and wise.

Or:

To admit the universe has an infinitely wise Creator, Who has the right and the wisdom to direct man's life is the only sensible view to maintain.

Scripture plainly declares that men without faith are unreasonable and cannot please God, (*Psalm 14:1; 53:1; 2Thessalonians 3:2*).

God has revealed Himself to men, but they have rejected Him; so He has justly given them over to reprobate minds, which perverts everything from the identity of God to the perverted use of the body (*Romans 1:18-32*).

These Humans Are Incapable Of Managing The Truth!

These humans are profanely perverse, and have no wisdom nor understanding to even recognize their depravity.

These humans have a lie in their right hand, but they cannot deliver themselves (*Isaiah 44:20*).

These humans cannot even begin to be wise.

These humans want us to believe they can tell us about planets 5,000 light years away but cannot figure out that a buffalo rib from 1845 is a giant woodpecker's leg from 50 trillion B.C.

These humans want us to believe that a liberal arts college education makes a person wise, that sodomy is normal, that labor unions benefit a country, that the Bible is an outdated collection of fables by religious nuts, that capital punishment is not a deterrent to crime, that two lesbians are acceptable parents, that freedom of speech includes pornographic caricatures of the president, that asking political opinions of actresses is intelligent, that a national debt surpassing the nation's GNP is wise economics, that separation of church and state forbids attorney generals from praying, that the Beatles loved peace, that Britney Spears is a role model for girls, that Harry Potter novels are valuable but first and second Samuel are violent, and, among many other examples of ludicrous, insane thinking!

Reader: Humble yourself before our Creator! Beg Him for mercy and truth.

Read His Word with total faith and submission.

Develop a fervent earnest prayer life.

Witness faithfully for our Lord.

Promise to love, adore and obey Him forever.

Love sound Bible preaching.

Prove all things by the Word of God, hold fast that which is good (*Psalm 119:128; Acts 17:11; 1Thessalonians 5:21*).

Proverbs 9:11 For by me thy days shall be multiplied, and the years of thy life shall be increased.

How long do you want to live? Lady Wisdom offers free life extension!

If you embrace and obey wisdom, the days and years of your life will be extended.

If you choose to ignore or reject wisdom, you must love death, for it is coming sooner than you think (*Proverbs 8:36*).

Solomon is ending his long personification of wisdom (*Proverbs 9:12*), which began in *Proverbs 8:1*.

The first person pronoun, "me," refers to Lady Wisdom, who was last referenced by similar pronouns in *Proverbs 9:5*.

Solomon used this elegant and persuasive style to present the character and benefits of wisdom, which includes the promise of long life. Are you interested?

Consider Solomon and his dream from the LORD (*1Kings 3:5-15*).

Readers for 3000 years have wished they could make the choice for wisdom and also receive the added benefits of riches and long life (*1Kings 3:13-14*).

Yet that is exactly what the Holy Spirit offers you, by the inspiration of the same LORD, riches and long life (*Proverbs 8:18, 21; 9:11*)!

All you have to do, is also choose wisdom, and she offers these things as additional benefits!

Solomon observed more about life and analyzed it better than any ten of the world's great thinkers.

Solomon summarized his findings without error in these Proverbs, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit (*Ecclesiastes 1:12-18; 12:8-11*).

Solomon observed life and death, and he saw that wisdom resulted in living longer and folly in cutting your days short (*Ecclesiastes 7:17; 8:13*).

Every father wants his children to have long lives, so Solomon stated his observations about wisdom to his son several times (*Proverbs 3:2, 16; 4:10; 8:35; 9:11; 10:27*).

He saw that wisdom tended to life in those that had it (*Proverbs 10:16; 11:4, 19; 12:28; 14:27; 19:23*).

**Men Know That Hard Living
Foolish And Wicked Living
Shortens Men's Lives.**

But there is another factor beyond the natural consequences of folly and wisdom.

There is the sovereign government of God. He gives long life supernaturally for wise choices like honoring parents (*Ephesians 6:1-3*).

God will even give longer life to those showing mercy even to brutish creatures (*Deuteronomy 22:7*).

Wisdom can preserve your life naturally, by avoiding the hard life of sinners.

Sin shortens days, by avoiding the sword of justice avenging crimes, by avoiding the accidents that often claim the foolish, by avoiding the diseases associated with certain sins, and by avoiding the sovereign judgment of God, who judges every sinner.

True wisdom lays hold of eternal life and makes the calling and election sure, for endless days are the future of all the born again believers, made wise by the grace of God (*1Timothy 6:17-19; 2Peter 1:10-11*).

Proverbs 9:12 If thou be wise, thou shalt be wise for thyself: but if thou scorner, thou alone shalt bear it.

**A Great Choice Of Life
Is The Choice Of Wisdom**

**If You Choose Her You Will Be Blessed
If You Reject Her You Will Be Punished**

There is no escape; your choice will be repaid. You will bear the consequences. Your wisdom cannot benefit God, nor does your folly hurt him (*Job 35:5-8*). You alone bear the results.

The Preacher of the New Testament, Paul warned, "Every man shall bear his own burden" (*Galatians 6:5*).

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked; whatever you sow, that is what you will reap (*Galatians 6:7-8*).

So you must prove your own work, and then you may have rejoicing, without the measuring by others (*Galatians 6:4*).

The personification of wisdom continues from the previous chapter to this climactic verse. Lady Wisdom offers a house and banquet (*Proverbs 9:1-5*).

What will you do with her offer? See the comments on *Proverbs 8:1* and *Proverbs 9:1*.

Will you ignore her offer and choose certain destruction (*Proverbs 8:36*)?

After this conclusion, we are reminded again of the foolish and whorish woman, of which there are many in the world (*Proverbs 9:13-18*).

This woman is bent on destroying young men. She also has a house, prepared with a perfumed bed; but she takes her foolish and unsuspecting guests to destruction with her (*Proverbs 5:3-13; 6:23-35; 7:6-23; 9:18*).

Today, you must choose. And tomorrow you must choose again. Will you humble yourself before God's perfect Words of wisdom? Or will you reject them in the pride, stubbornness, and rebellion of a wicked heart?

You Cannot Avoid Making Choices!

What will it be? You will govern your thoughts, your words, and your actions - by revealed wisdom; or you will reject it and allow your habits, your lusts, the world, and others to direct your life.

The Holy Spirit wrote in Ezekiel, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die" (*Ezekiel 18:20*).

Again, the Holy Spirit through Solomon warns, "The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways: and a good man shall be satisfied from himself" (*Proverbs 14:14*).

If you backslide from wisdom, the Lord will allow the painful results. But the man who rejects folly will be satisfied with blessings.

If you play with sin, you will suffer for it; but **If** you choose holiness, you will be blessed.

The way of transgressors is hard (*Proverbs 13:15*).

You will not know how hard, your sinning life is, until it is too late (*Proverbs 1:20-32; Psalm 36:1-3*).

When God swears in His wrath, there is no deliverance (*Proverbs 29:1; Psalm 95:7-11; Hebrews 2:1-4; 4:1; 10:26-31*).

Lot scorned wisdom, and he ended a life of potential blessing, sitting in the mouth of a cave, ruined, with his two daughters pregnant by his own folly. But Abraham was God's friend, justified, and covered with many blessings.

Proverbs 9:13 A foolish woman is clamorous: she is simple, and knoweth nothing.

Lady Wisdom has a competitor, and most men fall for her: she is offensive and repulsive to wise men. She is overbearing and stupid, talkative and ignorant.

Of course, this description is not very flattering to women; but it does not apply to the gracious and wise members of that sex. Here Solomon describes a foolish woman.

This woman is not only a fool; she is also a whore (**Proverbs 9:14-18**).

She is described in contrast to Lady Wisdom, whom we read about in the first part of the chapter (**Proverbs 9:1-6**).

Solomon's line of instruction is this: All men and especially young men have two women pursuing them; Lady Wisdom and the strange woman. See the comments on **Proverbs 9:4**.

But the teaching here is important for men and women, for wise women will avoid these three character traits; and wise men, will reject any woman with them.

There are clear indicators that reveal a woman's foolish heart: she is noisy, she is gullible, she is ignorant.

Wise women are quiet, prudent, and knowledgeable. The difference is obvious and significant.

A foolish woman is clamorous, she is insistent and loud (**Proverbs 7:11**).

Most cannot stand her noise, especially the men born or married to her (**Proverbs 30:21-23**).

Men will go anywhere to escape her (**Proverbs 21:9, 19; 25:24**).

Her chatter is like a Chinese water torture (**Proverbs 27:15-16**).

Young man, **If** you seek peace, reject talkative or opinionated women (**Proverbs 17:1; 19:13**).

God loves quiet, gracious, and kind women; demand it (**Proverbs 11:16; 31:26; 1Peter 3:3-4**).

A foolish woman is simple, she is gullible and vulnerable to most any stupid idea (**Proverbs 14:15; 28:26**).

A foolish woman is the silly woman of the perilous last days, our days, being taken captive easily by false teachers (**3Timothy 3:6-7**).

Fads and trivia on any subject catch her childish fancy. A foolish woman, truly a much weaker vessel, as proven by her total collapse, in the Garden of Eden, she feeds on emotion, popularity, sentiment, and political correctness.

A foolish woman knows nothing, she is devoid of truth and wisdom (**Proverbs 17:24; 18:2; 24:7**).

A foolish woman is always learning, but never able to come to the knowledge of the truth (**2Timothy 3:6-7**).

A foolish woman has not learned the divine wisdom of asking her husband at home (**1Corinthians 14:34-35**).

A foolish woman trusts her own heart, regardless what others or the facts may prove (**Proverbs 28:26**).

A foolish woman does not grow in truth and wisdom.

Two churches also seek the souls of men. There is the bride of Christ, the true church; and there is the false churches that create an arrogant and noisy clamor, but they are simple and ignorant of truth altogether.

Proverbs 9:14 For she sitteth at the door of her house, on a seat in the high places of the city,

**The Danger Is Great!
The Temptation Is Powerful!
The Threat Is Everywhere!**

Though Lady Wisdom had offered blessings and security to men (**Proverbs 9:1-12**).

There is a deceitful and seductive woman alluring and inviting men to their destruction (**Proverbs 9:13-18**).

Who is this woman? She is Lady Folly, the personification of sin and worldly pleasure, who is represented by a foolish and whorish woman inviting men to commit adultery with her.

Solomon used Proverbs eight to personify wisdom.

Solomon introduced Lady Wisdom (**Proverbs 8:1-9**), listed her benefits (**Proverbs 8:10-21**), showed God possessing her before creation (**Proverbs 8:22-31**), and concluded with another appeal (**Proverbs 8:32-36**).

In Proverbs nine, he compared Lady Wisdom's, offers of blessings, instead of Lady Folly's enticements to destruction.

Compare especially: the two invitations (**Proverbs 9:4, 16**), two meals (**Proverbs 9:5, 17**), and the two results (**Proverbs 9:11, 18**).

Personification Is A Figure Of Speech

In Which An Abstract Concept Is Represented By A Person

The special features, of the concept to be learned, are found in the actions or traits of the representation.

For example, Lady Liberty, the statue welcoming immigrants to America, has seven spikes in her crown for the seven seas or continents of earth, holds aloft a torch to guide the way to freedom, she holds at her side a tablet representing just laws, is clothed in a toga for the Roman republic, and stands on the broken chains of slavery.

The personification of folly, is sin and worldly pleasures that destroy men. And is represented by a foolish and loud woman, who leaves her husband and home to seduce strangers for adulterous liaisons (**Proverbs 9:13-18**).

This attractive and tempting creature without morals or knowledge is a fatal snare for men. Seeking to seduce men as intensely as Wisdom tried to save them.

Thus, the powerful language calls on men to embrace Wisdom and reject Folly!

What is the character of this whorish woman? *"She sitteth at the door of her house."*

She is lazy, contrary to Lady Wisdom's diligence (**Proverbs 9:1-3**).

She despises keeping at home for her husband and family, because she is discontent with her marriage (**Proverbs 7:11-12; 1Timothy 5:11-15; Titus 2:3-5**).

She is idle like the women of Sodom, whom God burned to ashes (**Ezekiel 16:49-50**).

She has no conscience, for she calls strangers from the house of her husband (**Proverbs 30:20**).

Our Proverb says she; *sitteth "on a seat in the high places of the city."* She has no purpose there but to seek men.

She leaves her place at home to sit boldly in the city's nobler places (**Proverbs 7:11-12**).

Good men avoided her house, and are going right on their way, but she finds them where they least expect her (**Proverbs 9:15**).

Rather than use the city slums, like a cheap prostitute, she enhances her appeal and finds nobler victims in the places of commerce and government.

How does this traitorous adulteress represent folly? Sin and worldly pleasure, offer an escape from duty and labor. Sin and folly are avoided, by faithfulness to one's

calling and rejecting provisions, for the flesh (**Romans 13:13**).

If David had been fighting with his men, he would not have even seen Bathsheba (**2Samuel 11:1**).

Sin and worldly pleasure, will be encountered everywhere in this sinful world, so the whole armor of God must be worn every day, and the heart kept with all diligence, in order to faithfully stand (**Proverbs 4:23; Ephesians 6:10-18**).

False religious folly is illustrated by the Roman Church and her Protestant daughters, rejects holiness and truth, but Lady Folly sits at her doors to call men into her bed for spiritual adultery (**James 4:4; Revelation 2:20-23; 17:1-6**).

She takes her seat, in the religious community, though her doctrines and goals are from hell (**2Thessalonians 2:9-12; 1Timothy 4:1-3**).

There the innocent are snared, by her beautiful appearance and warm embrace, not seeing that the dead are there, and that her guests are in the depths of hell (**Proverbs 9:18; 21:16**).

The Lord Jesus Christ, He is the King of glory and the Holy Groom. He calls to all His people in Rome and her daughters, *"Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues"* (**Revelation 18:4**).

The Lord is jealous, and rightfully so!

The Lord hates spiritual adultery. Come out today, lest there be no tomorrow!

Forsake the foolish, and live; and go in the way of understanding (**Proverbs 9:6**).

Proverbs 9:15 To call passengers who go right on their ways:

Male reader, someone wants to meet you today. Do not be surprised, if during your day's normal activities, you are invited, by an attractive woman, to spend intimate time with her. Are you prepared for her invitation?

Gird up the loins of your mind before it is too late. Her invitation may not be verbal. It may be her appearance, clothing, actions, looks, or touches. She may not even be a live person, if she calls to you, by her pornographic photos instead.

Though you woke up this morning purposing, to fear God and be faithful, to your sister Wisdom (**Proverbs 7:1-4**).

A woman in your city wants to steal you from them both. Even while serving God and man, you will meet this woman (*Proverbs 7:12*).

She will disrupt your plans and life; and unless you are very strong, she intends to destroy you (*Proverbs 23:28*).

The understanding of the Word "*Passengers*" is not difficult, for they are simply men passing, or going, on their way.

She "*hunts for the precious life*" (*Proverbs 6:26*). Base sinners and low class men do not attract her; so you may meet her in places where wisdom is found (*Proverbs 9:3, 14*).

The more you are like Joseph, with a good character, the more she will want you (*Genesis 39:6-7*).

But she hunts for the simple, the foolish, for she knows, seducing a man of holy character is hard (*Proverbs 9:16; 7:7*).

She is bold (*Proverbs 7:13*).

She doesn't like domestic duties at home (*Proverbs 7:11*).

She may be a fellow worker. She will use any means to get your attention; and she wants your carnal attention.

She will inflame your lust of the eyes, lust of the flesh, and pride of life. She will invite you to forbidden pleasures (*Proverbs 9:17*).

She will not tell you of the destruction waiting (*Proverbs 9:18*).

You must learn to pray wisely, as the Lord taught, "*Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*" For: Lord alone, can deliver you from even meeting her, or He can give you the strength to resist her. (*Matthew 6:13*)

Don't let your heart decline to her ways, and avoid her haunts (*Proverbs 7:25*).

She will find you anyway; you shouldn't give her any extra opportunities. Keep your heart on spiritual and noble things (*Colossians 3:2*).

Keep your heart with all diligence (*Proverbs 4:23*).

The destructive sin she offers cannot occur **if** you have not thought upon it.

Remember your sister Wisdom and the impossibility of recovering virtue ^{doing good avoiding evil} once it is given away (*Proverbs 6:32-33*).

The Lord is calling you by Wisdom as well. **If** you disregard His call, you will surely see calamities that overwhelm you (*Proverbs 1:20-33*).

Remember our Lord and Paul, though greatly distracted, set their hearts only toward the will of God (*Luke 9:51; Acts 20:22-24*).

Proverbs 9:16 Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither: and as for him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him,

Today there is a woman that wants you! In fact, there are many of them! They all want you! This Proverb has her words inviting you to come into her house, because she wants to give you a good time (*Proverbs 9:17*)!

There is just one little problem, after being with any one of them, you are dying and on your way to hell on earth or eternal hell if really not born-again (*Proverbs 9:18*). What a cruel invitation!

Wise Men Can Understand This Proverb.

Compare *Proverbs 9:1-4* with *Proverbs 9:13-16*. There are two identical invitations from two different women. Lady Wisdom gives the first invitation (*Proverbs 9:4*); and Folly herself, or a whorish woman, gives the second invitation (*Proverbs 9:16*).

Appreciate Solomon's comparison of these two women. See the comments on *Proverbs 9:4*.

Lady Wisdom kindly calls young men simple, for she has the cure for their ignorance (*Proverbs 9:1-4*).

A whorish woman does not literally call young men simple, for she is rather using all her verbal skills to flatter and seduce them. These are the Holy Spirit's Words, passing judgment, on the men, foolish enough to be near her. She invites all men, but only the simple listen!

Foolish young men are most vulnerable to the world's folly and fornication with whores.

Foolish young men are simple and lacking understanding. Burdened with overwhelming lusts, they cannot, see beyond the next five minutes, to the consequences of death and hell waiting for them (*Proverbs 9:18*).

It Is Understanding And Wisdom That Perceives The Future And Avoids The Pain

Lady Wisdom has a feast of meat, mingled wine, and bread at a fine table, in her custom home with seven pillars (*Proverbs 9:1-3*).

Folly, or the whorish woman, offers bread and water; the lying appeal is the seductive deceit, of sinful pleasures. See the comments on *Proverbs 9:17*.

Young man, will you dine in safety at a feast, or in grave danger on prison fare?

Every day, Folly and whorish women invite men, who they want to join them. To take them to destruction.

Every day you make choices to resist temptation or give in to it. Giving in to temptation, results are horrible.

You either, approach Lady Wisdom's house and seek shelter there, by humbling yourself before God and consulting His Precious Word, or you give in, to the lying laughter of this wicked world, in its offer of short-term sensual pleasure.

Wisdom demands you stay away from the folly and women of this world. The draw of both to the natural man is too powerful, to play with.

Wise Men Fill Their Souls And Minds With The Pure Gospel Of Jesus Christ

The doctrine that is according to godliness. Wise men, will not even allow potential temptations. The attraction and invitation of folly and fornication are real, but so are the consequences!

Proverbs 9:17 Stolen waters are sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant.

Sin Lies! Sexual Sins Lie Most!

Young fools buy the lie that sexual sins are specially sweet and pleasant.

The prohibition of sin adds to its luster, and the risk of discovery enhances the act. Wicked women and our society present sexual sins as very pleasant things with few consequences.

But death and hell are the horrible results (*Proverbs 9:18*).

You have a choice young man, a sober choice, with consequences. You can run to Lady Wisdom and enjoy her truly satisfying feast of meat, wine, and bread (*Proverbs 9:1-5*).

Or you can fall for lies of a foolish whore, who offers only stolen waters and risky bread (*Proverbs 9:13-18*).

Satan lied about sin in Eden. He told Eve she would not die and the forbidden fruit would make her as God.

As she fatally looked at the tree, forgetting the most precious tree of life, she saw it as good for food, pleasant to the eyes, and to be desired to make one wise. She bought the lie! Her choice was horrible! The taste was bitter in seconds!

If something is put off-limits to the natural man, a sinful craving for that thing becomes a cruel monster, that demands satisfaction.

Our context is the strange woman and her seduction and destruction of men (*Proverbs 9:13-18*).

It is a simple and foolish man that believes her brazen lie. So it is our privilege and duty to learn wisdom here, to save us from the certain hell and destruction of sexual sins. (*Proverbs 9:16; 30:20*)

The wise man taught his son, to drink sexual waters from his own cistern, his own wife (*Proverbs 5:1-23*). See the comments on *Proverbs 5:15*.

The Holy Spirit, uses waters and bread as metaphors for sexual pleasure. He also describes deceit as bread, which turns to gravel in one's mouth (*Proverbs 20:17*).

Strange women generally do not say these words directly, but they imply them through their seductive wiles, and the lusts of the flesh and eyes, say them as well, to foolish men.

In our nation, we have a proverb, "The grass is always greener on the other side of the fence."

In those words we describe the discontentment of human nature and the fascination with forbidden things.

This Proverb does the same. The adulteress wickedly offers new and tempting sexual pleasures that will exceed any marital reality (*Proverbs 7:10-21*).

Sin has a thrill, especially for youth, that seduces them. But the aftertaste is never considered. The bitterness of the morsel in their belly is not measured. The folly of their inexperience, blinds them to the future.

Obsession with fermented wine finds it pleasant initially, but its aftertaste is horrible! So we have these Words to warn us against sin's lie. (*Proverbs 23:31-32*)

Hollywood never glamorizes marital sex. Never! That would be totally contrary to Hollywood's master, its mission, the lusts of the flesh, and public appetite.

Satan has Hollywood and America committed to the lie that, fornication, adultery, and sodomy are pleasures to be enjoyed without fear. Stolen waters are sweet! Secret bread is pleasant!

Because of this lie, the adulteress, always has an advantage over the faithful wife. The sinful fantasy of

the forbidden unknown creates a curious craving that wrecks the souls and lives of men.

This strange woman always looks better, speaks better, kisses better, and makes love better, until it is too late (*Proverbs 7:10-27*)!

**It Is An Illusion! It Is The Creation Of Satan!
It Is A Depraved Heart!**

**If She Has This Lying Advantage
Stay Far Away From Her!**

Reader, young man, do you see the lie? The grass only looks greener from this side of the fence. However, once you enter the forbidden field, you find it no better than your own, but now you have committed a horrible crime that cannot be undone (*Proverbs 6:20-35*).

Sin lies! Hell and death are waiting! Any pleasure in sin is momentary (*Hebrews 11:25*)!

And it never equals the coming pain! The sweet waters and pleasant bread become bitter and painful in your belly!

What Does Wisdom Teach us? Wisdom chooses contentment, with its own cistern and well, your wife and her love (*Proverbs 5:15-20*).

Wise men choose and learn to be content (*Philippians 4:11*).

Wise men promote their marriages as a protective blessing (*1Corinthians 7:1-5; Colossians 3:19*).

Wisdom avoids any unnecessary exposure to other women, for it knows God rightly placed the fence there (*Exodus 20:17; Matthew 5:27-30; Romans 13:14*).

With television and other media constantly bringing the lie of this Proverb, they must be strictly avoided.

Thus, wisdom knows sin lies about its goodness (*Psalms 36:2*).

Sexual sin has fatal consequences (*Proverbs 2:18-19; 5:3-14; 7:27; 9:18*).

No sin is truly secret (*2Samuel 11:27; Luke 12:2; Hebrews 4:14*).

Wisdom knows, to fear the God, who enforces all sexual fences (*Proverbs 5:21*). See the comments on *Proverbs 5:21*.

Don't ever think sin, might be pleasant or better than God's Holy Word.

Amnon craved his sweet sister, but the aftertaste of rape was horrible and deadly.

Eli thought family dinners with his sons were pleasant, but his lack of discipline wiped out his family tree.

Gehazi relished his money and garments for only a few moments (*2Kings 5:20-27*).

Judas was told by Satan that thirty pieces of silver, was nice compensation, any way Jesus could deliver Himself from the Jews, but the aftertaste of his crime was so bitter, that he returned the money and committed suicide in morbid guilt. Satan never told Judas this part of the deal! And he never tells, young men, the horrible consequences of sexual sin!

Christian woman, do not think you escape our Proverb? It applies both ways in sexual sins, and it covers those temptations delicious to you, irreverence and defrauding in your marriage, whispering, pampering children, immodest apparel, and self-righteous pride.

Godliness with contentment is great gain (*1Timothy 6:6*)!

Godliness with contentment certainly applies to marriage. Let the Lord Jesus Christ be the sweet and pleasant object for your souls more than anyone, or anything else in heaven or earth (*Psalms 73:25-26; Hebrews 13:5*). Men, love your wives!

Proverbs 9:18 But he knoweth not that the dead are there; and that her guests are in the depths of hell.

What a shock! What a damning disaster! A beautiful woman seduces a man to have sex outside marriage.

Her attractiveness, flattery, and willingness overwhelm him. He cannot believe his good fortune, this exciting and erotic woman has invited him home to her bed. But her house is full of dead victims, and her other guests are in the depths of hell!

Solomon compared and contrasted Lady Wisdom and Lady Folly in what we call the ninth chapter of Proverbs.

Solomon described Lady Wisdom and her offer for simple men to be protected at her house (*Proverbs 9:1-12*).

Solomon described Lady Folly, who is a seductive whore, with her contrasting offer for the same men and their eventual total ruin (*Proverbs 9:13-18*).

All men face the choice regularly! Will you heed Lady Wisdom and stay far away from worldly women and the things pertaining to them?

Will you walk away from wisdom to test the pleasures of sin for a season with a whorish woman? The choice

is yours, but God has determined the consequences (*Hebrews 13:4*). Reject wisdom and die (*Proverbs 9:11-12, 18*).

Reformers Unanimous has a valued principle: Principle for Prosperity #9 We lose our freedom of choice after we have chosen our actions. The consequences of our choices are inevitable, incalculable and up to God. *Proverbs 5:22-23, 9:17-18, 20:17*

**There Are Two Deaths You Can Die!
There Are Two Hells You Can Suffer!
Soul Death and Physical Death!**

Unsaved fornicators and adulterers get all four!

Unsaved and saved fools that go after a strange woman (the one they have not rightly married). They do not see any of these judgments coming. They are enthralled by a beautiful woman and go ignorantly to their horrible punishment.

It is the painful deceit, of sexual pleasure outside marriage, that this Proverb warns against. The context here is the seduction of men by foolish and whorish women (*Proverbs 9:13-18*).

The lesson is simple and obvious: men are blinded by the lusts of their eyes and flesh, and they do not see the death and hell that are the certain consequences for sexual sin.

The beauty, flattery, and promised pleasures of a woman stupefy their heart, soul, and mind from considering the terrible results of intimacy with any other than their lawful wife.

Wise men look for what does not readily meet the eye or cross the mind. Fools only see what is in front of them.

Another woman will always look good; her alluring words will always sound good; her new kisses will always taste good;

The other woman, is in conspiracy with the devil and your heart.

The other woman, offers pleasures that surely will be good. But the victim does not know that those who visited her before are dead and in hell (*Proverbs 2:16-20; 5:5; 7:27*).

The fool does not know the dead are there! The first death the fool faces is soul death: the loss of integrity, the loss of peace, the loss of reputation, and the loss of virtue (*Proverbs 5:9-10*).

This fool is now plagued with fear, frustration, guilt, and shame. This is not physical death; it is worse! It is a living death, where heart and soul have died to God, joy, life, and righteousness.

Solomon wrote, inspired by the Holy Spirit, "*Whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul*" (*Proverbs 6:32*).

This is soul death (*Luke 15:24; 1Timothy 5:6; James 5:19-20*).

The fool does not know the dead are there! The second death is physical death. Hard living with a whorish woman shortens life as the Bible declares and experience confirms (*Proverbs 2:18-19; 5:5; 7:27*).

Sinful living reduces the longevity of modern actors, athletes, and performers, even ignoring sexual diseases.

Then, there is God's judgment on such men, who will certainly punish whoremongers and adulterers (*Hebrews 13:4*).

This is the hell of lost jobs, divorces, insecurity, ruined families, troubled children, squandered money, lost time, broken hearts, lying, sexual diseases, angry spouses, and so forth.

The short-term pleasures of illicit love never compensate adequately for the rest of your life in this hell (*Proverbs 5:9*).

The fool does not know her guests are in the depths of hell. The other hell is the lake of fire, which was prepared for the devil and his angels, and all lost fornicators (*Matthew 25:41; Revelation 21:8; 22:15*)!

Can you hear the Words, of eternal condemnation for fornicators, "*And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity*" (*Matthew 7:23*).

Why Does A Man Not See These Horrible Dangers?
Is the Bible not clear enough? Are parents and pastors not clear enough?

He does not see these dangers, because he ignores those already suffering.

In our generation and society, there are plenty of loose women, the foolish women described in this context (*Proverbs 9:13-18*).

Many women dress like whores today, even for church, and public shopping is almost intolerable for a righteous man.

Divorces for any cause are used for getting a new wife, just as the Savior condemned in His day. Just because the government says it's okay, does not cover the sin and make it okay (*Matthew 5:27-32*).

Are you a repentant fornicator or adulterer? Can you cast yourself at Jesus Christ's feet and cry for mercy, as did many harlots in the New Testament?

There is salvation only in Christ Jesus, even for adulterers and fornicators. The Church at Corinth had many. And they will be in heaven by the righteousness of Christ! (*1 Corinthians 6:9-11*)