

PROVERBS 9

Wisdom has built her house;

she has set up its seven pillars.

² She has prepared her meat and mixed her wine;
she has also set her table.

³ She has sent out her servants, and she calls
from the highest point of the city,

⁴ 'Let all who are simple come to my house!'

To those who have no sense she says,

⁵ 'Come, eat my food
and drink the wine I have mixed.

⁶ Leave your simple ways and you will live;
walk in the way of insight.'

⁷ Whoever corrects a mocker invites insults;
whoever rebukes the wicked incurs abuse.

⁸ Do not rebuke mockers or they will hate you;
rebuke the wise and they will love you.

⁹ Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still;
teach the righteous and they will add to their learning.

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

¹¹ For through wisdom your days will be many,
and years will be added to your life.

¹² If you are wise, your wisdom will reward you;
if you are a mocker, you alone will suffer.

¹³ Folly is an unruly woman;
she is simple and knows nothing.

¹⁴ She sits at the door of her house,
on a seat at the highest point of the city,

¹⁵ calling out to those who pass by,
who go straight on their way,

¹⁶ 'Let all who are simple come to my house!'

To those who have no sense she says,

¹⁷ 'Stolen water is sweet;
food eaten in secret is delicious!'

¹⁸ But little do they know that the dead are there,
that her guests are deep in the realm of the dead.

WISDOM & FOLLY

Two Women, Two Ways

1. Archie, Betty & Veronica

2. Proverbs so far

3. Proverbs 9 – Two Women, Two Ways

Lady Wisdom (vv1-6)

Her invitation

The result

Madam Folly (vv13-18)

Her invitation

The result

The wise and the fool (vv7-12)

Fear of the Lord (1:7, 2:5, 9:10)

4. Wisdom to live by - 1

5. Wisdom to live by - 2