



**FOOL** **PROOF**  
THE WISDOM OF PROVERBS

**Two Women**

**Proverbs 9**

## **Proverbs 9:1-6**

**1 Wisdom has built her house, She has hewn out her seven pillars; 2 She has prepared her food, she has mixed her wine; She has also set her table; 3 She has sent out her maidens, she calls From the tops of the heights of the city: 4 “Whoever is naive, let him turn in here!” To him who lacks understanding she says, 5 “Come, eat of my food And drink of the wine I have mixed. 6 “Forsake *your* folly and live, And proceed in the way of understanding.”**

- **Who is this Woman of Wisdom?**
- **Echoes Luke 14:5-24**
- **God's wisdom is Jesus- it his table invitation and promises here**
- **Allusions to the Church and communion**

- **Why does she send out her maidens?**
- **To take out her good news; what is that good news?**
- **That Wisdom has life, joy and wisdom for all simpletons!**
- **Its the Gospel message of Grace**

- **Who is she inviting to her table?**
- **The naive; the one who is formative in their thinking and hasn't committed to her way yet**
- **The one who lacks understanding= "he who wants a heart"- longs for courage, a deep commitment to God's love, grace and ways**

- **V.6 is THE POINT of Proverbs 9**
- **There's a choice we have to make; its the first and most important choice**
- **Its the causes that causes all other causes in our lives**
- **We must decide to follow Christ- initially and then every day (to the cross and from the cross)**
- **Instead of fretting about making the “perfect” choice, why don't we make the one that will insure we make RIGHT choices?**

## **Proverbs 9:7–8**

**7 He who corrects a scoffer gets dishonor for himself,  
And he who reproves a wicked man *gets* insults for  
himself. 8 Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate  
you, Reprove a wise man and he will love you.**

- **Have you ever tried to teach wisdom to a fool?**
- **The foolish person cannot/will not be corrected**
- **Then he tells us “don’t correct the fool”- not ever???**
- **Only in the right time, right tone, and with the right heart**
- **We must remember that the foolish aren’t foolish bc they lack knowledge**
- **They’re foolish because they’re choosing it**

## **Proverbs 9:8-9**

**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 *his* learning.**

**Proverbs 9:10**

**10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,  
And the knowledge of the Holy One is  
understanding.**

- **Everything has a beginning, and thank God each day is full of new beginnings to trust and follow Jesus!**
- **You can start a new beginning today!**
- **Why should we fear God?**
  - **Because it shows you have a right understanding of God's vastness**
  - **Maybe you sin because your version of God is too small?**

- **How can we discern between the two voices that are calling to us?**

- **By fearing him every day in respect and submission!**

## **Proverbs 9:13**

**13 The woman of folly is boisterous, *She is* naive and knows nothing.**

- **We see another mark of the foolish/evil person:**
  - **They are loud and intentionally seek to corrupt other people**
  - **Evil takes joy in corrupting others and validating their own evil**
  - **Good can be good on its own**
- **Are you being tempted? Recognize the temptation to fall, not just the fall itself**

## **Proverbs 9:17**

**17 “Stolen water is sweet; And bread *eaten* in secret is pleasant.”**

- **This is the summary of every temptation:**
  - **Whatever you get your way is better than anything God could give you**
- **Sin is attractive and sweet for the moment; you can get addicted to that rush of sin**
- **Don't forget that when you follow foolishness, you share her end (v. 18)**

- **Which feast will you go to?**
- **Jesus has set up a beautiful temple to worship God, to live in happiness, to receive life now and forever**
- **God has given us the best!**
- **Foolishness sets up a temple, but its hollow, empty and only a facade**
- **Its hiding death, hell, misery and Satan**
- **Come to Jesus- choose him!**