

At The Table

Proverbs 9:1-6

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Saying- A wise man learns by the experience of others. An ordinary man learns by his own experience. A fool learns by nobody's experience.

Wisdom - as “the ability to discern or judge what is true, right, or lasting.

The quality of having experience, knowledge, and good judgment

Wisdom and knowledge, both recurring themes in the Bible, are related but not synonymous. The dictionary defines wisdom as “the ability to discern or judge what is true, right, or lasting.”

Godly wisdom starts with the fear of God and results in a holy life. Worldly wisdom, on the other hand, is not concerned with honoring God but with pleasing oneself.

1. **Wisdom Built her house with seven pillars-Proverbs v. 1-2**

A. The word built means establish. Wisdom has established her house.

The house is one dwelling place where life can grow. There is safety and security, a place where you sleep, enjoy peace. Evil stays on the outside and only a friend comes in. There is a level of safety. It’s an investment. You raise your kids in a home. It is structured in a way to sustain everything you need to secure a healthy and well life.

B. Pillars were used for big buildings that were large, well-appointed, and unshakable. Pillars are connected to the beauty and stability of the church.

C. In Galatians 2:9- says James, Cephas, and John are mentioned as pillars.

2. **Wisdom has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine v. 2**

A. Prepared here means to slaughter... Slaughtering, like the difficult and responsible activity of building a house, was normally a man’s job (cf. Genesis 18:7; Judges 6:19; 1 Samuel 25:11), but Wisdom is an extraordinary woman.” (Waltke)

B. Shows wisdom goes beyond normal capabilities to get these done.

C. She has mixed her wine... Wine is naturally a strong and delightful drink and normally would be mixed with water for refreshment and partly for wholesomeness. Also, wisdom teaches us how to be temperate in the use of our comforts. (Poole)

D. Wisdom teaches us what to delight in, what it is wholesome, and how to be temperate in our comforts.

E. There is a natural desire for us to pursue what passions we should delight in, activities that are not so wholesome, and maybe our biggest distractions and hindrances in life are our comforts.

3. Wisdom has set her Table v.2

A. This is to mean wisdom has put in order her furnished table but not just any table, but a table fit for a King. After the meal is properly prepared the table will be able to display all that wisdom has prepared. The house of wisdom is prepared with everything needed to host the invited guest. The house is stable and firm, the meal has been prepared and the table has been set.

4. Wisdom calls v.3

- A. The word call means to summon
- B. Wisdom calls from the top of the city
- C. God has provided his servants to bring truth... Prophets, Apostles, Jesus, preachers, pastors, life app and Sunday morning services.
- D. Proverbs 1:20- Wisdom shouts in the street, she raises her voice in the public square.

5. Whoever is naïve- v.4

- A. Naïve here means silly; foolish. Wisdom uses people to send out an invitation to those who practice foolishness or just simply lack understanding to come to her.
- B. The word turn means to (change direction or abandon) Wisdom makes a call but the naïve must answer the call and choose to go in the way of understanding.
- C. Him who lacks- What are you lacking? Where do you need the wisdom of God?

6. Come and eat- v.5

A. Come and eat of my food and drink of my wine I have mixed. At the table, wisdom has already prepared the nourishment for the very thing you lack understanding of. At the table there is wisdom for your marital issues, at the table there is wisdom for your lust issues, at the table there is wisdom for your mental health troubles. Even as we seek wisdom's food, the ingredients are also wholesomeness, temperance and what we should delight in. Ladies and gentlemen, the food is the word of God and its full of his wisdom to live this life so just have a seat at the table and eat of the prepared food and drink of this mixed wine. God will give you the understanding you need.

7. The table of understanding v.6

- A. Put off and put on- The naïve must forsake their folly.
- B. When we Forsake, we leave that which we were held to.
- C. There is life leaving foolishness. Wisdom's invitation is to experience life because wisdom sees the path where foolishness leaves the naïve. (Proverbs 9: 16-18)

8. The rewards of eating at the table of wisdom- Proverbs 3:13-23