

Living Word Fellowship Church

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Wisdom Shouts

(Wisdom for the Seasons)

Proverbs 9:1-16

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. It says wisdom established her house.
The house is a dwelling place where life can grow. There is safety and security, a place where you sleep, and 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. Its structure 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. Seven can be seen as a number for sufficiency- (Pr. 6:31)
- D. In Galatians 2:9- says James, Cephas, and John are mentioned as pillars.

It Encourages Stability in different Seasons of Life

- “Wisdom has built her house... with seven pillars.”
- Mature believers often face transitions—retirement, loss, changing family roles. Wisdom provides the strength and balance needed to remain steadfast throughout those seasons.
- This verse affirms that their life built on God's wisdom remains solid, even as the world changes around them.

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) (**Illustration- seeing my granny killing a chicken.**)
- 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)

3. **Wisdom has set her Table v.2**

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 meals have been prepared, and the table has been set.

It Reminds Them That Growth Never Stops

- Even mature believers need to keep "feasting" on God's Word.
- Wisdom is a daily dependence on God for guidance and understanding.
- This helps older Christians avoid spiritual complacency and remain teachable and humble.

Let the wise listen and add to their learning." — Proverbs 1:5

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.

It Invites Them to Continue Feeding Others

- Wisdom not only prepares a feast but also sends out invitations.
- Christians are called to mentor and disciple the next generation, helping others "come and eat" from the table of God's truth.
- Their years of experience can now be used to nourish others spiritually.
(This leads to the next point that we need to recognize we are ministry to those who are young in the faith and need understanding)

5. **Whoever is naïve- v.4**

- A. Naïve here means silly; foolish.
Proverbs 9:3-6

Wisdom uses people to send out an invitation to those who practice foolishly to come into her and partake in the meal she has prepared or understand wisdom and then they will be able to leave their foolish ways, experience life, and walk in insight.

It Calls Them to Model Wisdom Through Example

- As the passage encourages leaving “simple ways” and walking “in understanding.” Mature Christians serve as living examples of what it means to walk wisely—showing younger believers that true wisdom leads to life, peace, and purpose.

Gray hair is a crown of glory; it is gained in a righteous life.” — Proverbs 16:31

6. The women of Folly- Proverbs 9:13-16

She is loud

She is seductive

She does not prepare her food but steals.

She does things in secret for its stolen... (What things do we do in secret because if exposed will show our sin or shame)

She desires the foolish to participate in the foolishness with her.

She approves and encourages foolish activities.

She leads to path to death and a life of torment.

She has a house but is full of death.

7. The rewards of wisdom- Proverbs 3:13-26-