

Bible Study: Proverbs 9

Title: “Two Invitations—One Choice”

1. Author & Context

- **Author:** Solomon
- **Theme of Chapter:** A contrast between **wisdom and foolishness**
- **Structure:** Two invitations—one from Wisdom and one from Folly

Context:

Proverbs 9 serves as a **summary of Proverbs 1–8**, showing that life ultimately comes down to a choice:

 **Will you follow wisdom or foolishness?**

2. Key Scripture (Written Out)

Proverbs 9:10

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

3. Chapter Breakdown & Teaching Points

Point 1: Wisdom Builds and Invites (vv. 1–6)

Main Truth:

Wisdom prepares a place and invites you into a better life.

Imagery:

- Wisdom builds a house
- Prepares a meal
- Sends out invitations

Meaning:

- Wisdom is intentional, prepared, and generous
- It offers life, growth, and understanding

Invitation:

“Leave your simple ways and you will live...”

Application:

- Wisdom is available—but you must respond
- Growth requires leaving old ways behind

Supporting Scripture:

- James 1:5

“If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God...”

Sticky Quote:

“Wisdom doesn’t hide—it invites.”

Point 2: The Wise vs. The Fool (vv. 7–12)

Main Truth:

Your response to correction reveals your character.

Contrast:

The Wise Person	The Fool
Accepts correction	Rejects correction
Grows from truth	Resents truth
Becomes wiser	Remains stuck

Key Insight:

- Wisdom grows through humility
- Foolishness resists change

Application:

- How do you respond when corrected?
- Growth depends on teachability

Supporting Scripture:

- Proverbs 12:1

“Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge...”

Sticky Quote:

“Correction doesn’t break you—it builds you.”

Point 3: Wisdom Begins with God (v. 10)**Main Truth:**

A relationship with God is the foundation of wisdom.

“Fear of the Lord” Means:

- Reverence
- Awe
- Submission
- Trust

Insight:

- You cannot separate wisdom from God
- Knowledge without God is incomplete

Application:

- Put God first in your decisions
- Seek Him before relying on yourself

Sticky Quote:

“You don’t find wisdom—you start with God.”

Point 4: Folly Also Invites (vv. 13–18)

Main Truth:

Foolishness is loud, appealing, and deceptive.

Description:

- Loud and careless
- Makes bold invitations
- Promises pleasure

Key Lie:

“Stolen water is sweet...”

Reality:

- What is forbidden may feel exciting
- But it leads to destruction

Final Warning:

“Her guests are deep in the realm of the dead.”

Application:

- Not every invitation is worth accepting
- Evaluate where your choices lead

Supporting Scripture:

- Galatians 6:7

“A man reaps what he sows.”

Sticky Quote:

“Folly is loud—but it leads to loss.”

4. Major Themes

1. Life is a Choice

- Wisdom or foolishness—there is no neutral ground

2. Wisdom is Available

- God invites everyone to grow

3. Humility is Key

- The wise are teachable

4. Sin is Deceptive

- It looks good but leads to destruction
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5. Life Application

Reflection Questions

1. Which invitation am I responding to—wisdom or foolishness?
2. How do I respond to correction?

3. Am I truly putting God first in my decisions?
 4. Where am I being tempted by something that looks good but leads to harm?
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Action Steps

- **Choose wisdom daily** through God’s Word
 - **Stay teachable** and open to correction
 - **Evaluate your decisions** based on long-term outcomes
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6. Teaching Outline (Quick Use)

Title: *Two Invitations—One Choice*

1. Wisdom Invites You to Life
 2. The Wise Receive Correction
 3. Wisdom Begins with God
 4. Folly Leads to Destruction
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7. Big Idea

“Every day you are invited to choose—wisdom leads to life, foolishness leads to destruction.”
