

The Man Who Had It All

SERMON 9

TEXT: Proverbs 9

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Encourage use of the reading guide on the Life of Solomon as we walk through this study.
 - Redeemer 101 – Sunday, June 3 at 4pm at FCS. Register online at www.redeemerchurch.com/nextsteps
 - Baptisms – June 10, contact Daniel for more information.
 - Final regular week of regular Life Group meetings – the week of June 3.
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LEADING OFF...

1. What crossroads have you faced in your life?

BIG IDEA: Wisdom leads to life.

Read Proverbs 9:1-3, 13-15

2. Solomon is giving a plea to his son to follow the way of wisdom. Have you had a parent or someone else make a similar plea to you when you were a young person? Please share your experience.
3. Compare and contrast wisdom versus folly. What do you notice about wisdom? What do you notice about folly?
4. How is wisdom intentional?
5. How is a person lured into folly?

Read Proverbs 9:4-6,16-18

6. Verses 4 and 16 have the same call. What is the difference?
7. Using the imagery of water, verse 17 refers to the lure of sexual sin. What is the way of folly in regard to sexual sin.
8. How do we see this lure in our culture today?
9. What are some practical ways we can choose wisdom and encourage others to do the same?

Read Matthew 7:24-27

10. Jesus, the greater Solomon, is teaching us to choose wisdom over foolishness. We tend to think of our crossroads as the big decisions in life. However, it is often the smaller decisions between wisdom and folly that define the course of our lives. What might some of these decisions be? Share some personal examples.
11. How are these “small” decisions really life defining and actually “huge” decisions?
12. Talk about how our world and the ways of the fool constantly seek instant gratification, yet following the wisdom of Jesus is by faith, often with delayed gratification. How can we apply these words of Jesus’ to our lives today?

Read Proverbs 6:27-29

13. What is the warning of these verses in regards to life decisions?
14. What is the difference between “going with your gut” and seeking godly wisdom?
15. How does one practically seek godly wisdom from the One who knows us better than we know ourselves?

Read Proverbs 9:7-12

16. What traits do we see here about the wise person?
17. What traits do we see about the scoffer?
18. Ask yourself, “*how teachable am I*”? Someone share a time when someone brought correction to you. How did you respond?
19. How do we practically and wisely receive correction from someone?
20. We also see that a wise person “fears God”. What does it mean to fear God?
21. Verse 10 says that “*the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.*” How does this help us to better understand how to get wisdom?

Wrapping Up...**Read Matthew 7:13-14**

22. Like Solomon, the wise King Jesus shows us there are two paths we can take in life. What are some characteristics we see here about both paths?
23. In light of all these truths we’ve read and discussed, how does a person choose the way wisdom and follow Jesus?