

WALK WISELY

8/23/2026 | Proverbs 9 | Study Guide

Key verse: “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.” — Proverbs 9:10

1. Lady Wisdom (vv. 1–6) and Lady Folly (vv. 13–18) both call out from the high places, inviting in “whoever is simple.” What does each woman offer, and how does she present it?

2. Wisdom's table is set with meat and wine in a house of seven pillars; Folly offers stolen bread and water eaten in secret. What looks appealing about Folly's offer at first — and what does it actually cost?

3. “Their battle is not with one another — their battle is over you.” Where do you feel the pull between wisdom and folly most strongly in your own life right now?

4. Solomon warns that a scoffer hates correction, while a wise person loves it (vv. 7–9). Read Romans 7:15,19. Why is it so hard to accept correction — even from God — when our hearts are hardened?

5. The “fear of the LORD” in verse 10 isn't a fear that makes us run away, but one that makes us run to Him. How does knowing God's love change the way you respond to His correction?

6. Solomon points to wisdom, but wisdom is ultimately fulfilled in Jesus. How does the gospel — that Jesus took our sin and gave us His righteousness — give us power to turn from scoffer to wise?

This week, pray: “Lord, give me faith to trust what you say — that you're good and your love is great. I'm broken inside, and I give you my life. All I am, I surrender.”