

June 14, 2026 Walk Wisely

Proverbs 1:8–33 | Study Guide

Key Verse

“Whoever listens to me will dwell secure and will be at ease, without dread of disaster.” — Proverbs 1:33

Background & Context

Solomon wrote Proverbs to give “practical skills for living well in God’s world.” Wisdom begins with the fear of the Lord — an awe-filled reverence that draws us toward God. In today’s passage, Solomon presents two paths: following wisdom or following foolishness.

Three Movements in the Text

Wisdom Brings Victory (vv. 8–9) — *Listening to Godly instruction leads to a crown of life, not a participation trophy.*

Don’t Follow Sinners (vv. 10–19) — *Those who chase selfish gain “set an ambush for their own lives.” Avoid their path.*

Don’t Get Lazy in Listening (vv. 20–33) — *Lady Wisdom cries out in the streets. The promise for those who listen: security and peace.*

Discussion Questions

1. What does “fear of the Lord” mean in Proverbs? How is it different from being afraid of God?

2. Solomon says wisdom “brings victory” (vv. 8–9). What does winning look like in the Christian life? What does it not look like?

3. Verses 10–19 warn against following sinners. Beyond avoiding gangs, what everyday forms of “following sinners” might look like in your life?

4. Lady Wisdom cries out and is ignored (vv. 20–25). In what areas of life are you most prone to “lazy listening” to God’s wisdom?

5. Verse 23 offers a turning point: “If you turn at my reproof, I will pour out my spirit to you.” What does it look like practically to “turn” toward wisdom this week?

6. Who in your life models walking wisely? What specific habit or practice do you see in them that you want to develop?

Personal Application

This week I will...

Prayer Focus

Ask God to give you ears to hear wisdom, courage to turn from sin, and the grace to follow Jesus — the One in whom “all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden” (Col. 2:3).