



Front Up Invitations

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I. Wisdom's Invitation and Value

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she has set up its seven pillars.

2 She has prepared her meat and mixed her wine;
she has also set her table.

3 She has sent out her servants, and she calls
from the highest point of the city,

4 "Let all who are simple come to my house!"

To those who have no sense she says,

5 "Come, eat my food
and drink the wine I have mixed.

6 Leave your simple ways and you will live;
walk in the way of insight."

7 Whoever corrects a mocker invites insults;
whoever rebukes the wicked incurs abuse.

8 Do not rebuke mockers or they will hate you;
rebuke the wise and they will love you.

9 Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still;
teach the righteous and they will add to their learning.

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

11 For through wisdom your days will be many,
and years will be added to your life.

12 If you are wise, your wisdom will reward you;
if you are a mocker, you alone will suffer.

 Accepting the invite is the first _____.

II. Jesus' Invitations

John 1:37–39 (NIV) *John's Disciples follow Jesus the Lamb of God...*

37 When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus.

38 Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?"

They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?"

39 "Come," he replied, "and you will see."

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

✦ Come and _____

Matthew 4:17–20 (NIV) *Following Jesus baptism and temptation...*

17 From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

18 As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. **19 "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people."** **20** At once they left their nets and followed him..

✦ Come and _____ changed

John 6:5-7 (NIV) *Jesus teaches them to feed 5000...* **5** When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" **6 He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.**

7 Philip answered him, "It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!"

✦ Come and _____ God

Luke 9:1–2, 6 (NIV) *Jesus sends out the 12 & 72...* **1** When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, **2** and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

6 So they set out and went from village to village, **proclaiming the good news and healing people everywhere."**

✦ Come and _____ in his name

III. A Great Time to Begin

Luke 14:16-18 *Jesus' story of invitations...*(NIV) **16** Jesus replied: "A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. **17** At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.'

18 "But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, 'I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.'

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