



Proverbs

**Get Smart!
Wisdom and Fools**

FROM THE BIBLE'S WISDOM LITERATURE

GET SMART!!!

- So far, first 9 chapters:
 - Ch. 1 – Definition, call and warning
 - Ch. 2 – Rewards for seeking; deliverance from sinful
 - Ch. 3 – TRUST IN THE LORD!
 - Ch. 4 – Listen = learn; they will keep you from evil; Body...
 - Ch. 5 – Contrast of Women – “Stranger” VS. Wife
 - Ch. 6 – Integrity in Everyday Choices: 7 things God Hates!
 - Ch. 7 – Lust revisited, the cost of seduction = DEATH!

HOW TO AVOID IT ALL... CH 8

- Wisdom! It's a **choice**..

1. Hear Wisdom's call! (1-5)

- It is out there if you listen... God has His witness
- Conscience, nature, history, and His revelation
- Rooftops, hilltops, city walls... entry points
- Calls to any who will listen... simple and fools
- NOTE: the problem with fools (*kesil*) is their heart!

HEEDING WISDOM'S CALL

2. The great value of Wisdom (6-9)

- Wisdom uses words... speak, lips, mouth
- Hear = *shama* , hear and obey!
- Excellent things (6)
- Only truth, no abominations! (morally depraved, disgusting)
- Righteous words... Nothing perverse
- Plain to those who find them... 20/20 hindsight... agh!

GREAT VALUE

3. Choose Wisdom over everything else! (10-13)

- Silver, gold, rubies (*paniyn* - 3:15; 20:15; **31:10**)
- Riches come and go, wisdom lasts!
- Fear of the Lord – HATE evil! Do we??? (13)
 - Pride and arrogance (Fem/M as. of same Hebrew word)
 - Evil way
 - Perverse mouth

GREAT ACTIVITY

4. Choose Wisdom for Leadership empowerment (14-16)

- Counsel, Sound Wisdom, Understanding, POWER (14)
- Kings and Rulers reign and decree justice! Princes, nobles
- All who judge rightly... Isa 11:1-5
- What does this imply for those who rule without wisdom?!

5. Choose Wisdom by seeking and loving “her” (17)

- Only way to find Wisdom!
- Seek EARLY in life... but, never too late...

GREAT ACTIVITY

6. Choose Wisdom and find great rewards... (18-21)

- Remember Solomon? (1Ki 3:10-13; 2Ch 1:10-12)
- Riches, honor, “enduring” wealth, righteousness
- Better than pure gold, choice silver
- WALK in righteousness and justice
- Endowed with wealth, full check books!
- IF you love wisdom... more than worldly things...
- Matt 6:19-24, 33; 1John 2:15-17