

## **Proverbs 9: Woman of Wisdom vs. Woman of Folly**

	<b>Woman of Wisdom (Prov. 9:1–12)</b>	<b>Woman of Folly (Prov. 9:13–18)</b>
<b>Character</b>	Wise, intentional, prepared	Loud, simple, ignorant
<b>Activity</b>	Builds her house (7 pillars)	Sits at her door (passive)
<b>Preparation</b>	Prepares a full banquet (meat, wine, table set)	Offers stolen, secret food (bread, water)
<b>Method</b>	Sends out messengers, actively calls	Personally, calls out impulsively
<b>Location</b>	Calls from the high places of the city	Also sits in high places (same visibility)
<b>Invitation</b>	“Come... leave your simple ways and live.”	“Come... stolen water is sweet.”
<b>Audience</b>	The simple who want to grow	The simple who lack discernment
<b>Message Tone</b>	Open, truthful, life-giving	Secretive, deceptive, pleasure-driven
<b>Foundation</b>	Built structure (order, stability)	No real building effort (disorder)
<b>Spiritual Root</b>	Fear of the Lord = beginning of wisdom	No fear of God, no knowledge
<b>Appeal</b>	Growth, understanding, life	Pleasure, secrecy, immediacy
<b>Response to Correction</b>	Wise receive instruction and grow	Fools reject correction (implied contrast)
<b>Outcome</b>	Life, increased days, blessing	Death, Sheol, destruction
<b>Hidden Reality</b>	What she offers is truly good	What she offers hides death

-Both women:

- Call from **the same public places**
- Invite **the same audience (the simple)**
- Offer a **meal (symbol of life/experience)**

This means the real issue is not *who is calling*, but **what path you choose**.

-**Core Contrast (The Heart of Proverbs 9)**

- **Wisdom offers life through truth and transformation**
- **Folly offers pleasure through deception and destruction**
- **Wisdom says:** *“Leave your simple ways and live.”*
- **Folly says:** *“Indulge, it’s sweet and secret.”*

-Proverbs 9 presents two paths **in the road**:

- One path requires **repentance and growth** → leads to life
- The other requires **nothing but desire** → leads to death

-The danger is this:

**\*Folly sounds attractive because it feels easier and sweeter—but it hides the cost.**