

Teaching Series: Proverbs Time: 10/16/16

Title: Embracing the Way of Wisdom Teacher: Mike Sorcinelli

Decision #1: The decision of whether or not to embrace the _____ of _____.

I. THE CALL OF LADY WISDOM

"Does not wisdom call out? Does not understanding raise her voice? ²At the highest point along the way, where the paths meet, she takes her stand; ³beside the gate leading into the city, at the entrance, she cries aloud: ⁴"To you, O people, I call out; I raise my voice to all mankind. ⁵You who are simple, gain prudence; you who are foolish, set your hearts on it. ⁶Listen, for I have trustworthy things to say; I open my lips to speak what is right. ⁷My mouth speaks what is true, for my lips detest wickedness. ⁸All the words of my mouth are just; none of them is crooked or perverse. ⁹To the discerning all of them are right; they are upright to those who have found knowledge. ¹⁰Choose my instruction instead of silver, knowledge rather than choice gold, ¹¹for wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her." Proverbs 8:1-11NIV

II. THE REWARDS OF ANSWERING LADY WISDOM'S CALL

1. The _____ and _____ of God on your life (Proverbs 8:32,34-35).

- a. _____ in everything you put your hand to (Proverbs 2:7a).
- b. A _____ (Proverbs 3:1-2,16; 4:10; 9:11) and _____ (Proverbs 3:8; 4:22) life.
- c. _____ (Proverbs 3:16b; 8:18-19).

2. Protection from costly _____ . (Proverbs 2:11; 3:23; 4:6)

3. Protection from unhealthy _____ .

4. Guidance in making _____ decisions (Proverbs 2:9; 6:22-23).

5. A good _____ (Proverbs 3:4).

III. THE CALL OF LADY FOLLY

"Folly is an unruly woman; she is simple and knows nothing. ¹⁴ She sits at the door of her house, on a seat at the highest point of the city, ¹⁵ calling out to those who pass by, who go straight on their way, ¹⁶ "Let all who are simple come to my house!" Proverbs 9:13-16, NIV

IV. THE REPERCUSSIONS OF ANSWERING LADY FOLLY'S CALL.

1. God's _____ on your life (Proverbs 3:33).

- a. _____ (Proverbs 9:12).
- b. Disaster, calamity, distress and _____ (Proverbs 1:24-27,31; 6:15).
- c. The _____ of all you hold dear (Proverbs 2:22).

2. _____ (Proverbs 3:35; 6:33).

3. _____ (Proverbs 6:9-11).

4. _____ (Proverbs 7:27; 8:36).

V. THE FEAR OF THE LORD

To fear the Lord is to _____ the footpath of folly and to _____ the way of wisdom - more specifically to embrace Jesus Christ, wisdom's Author.