

# Are You Walking on God's Wise Way?

In order for a person to walk on God's wise way, he or she must listen to and apply instruction. The thirteen lessons you will study this quarter in Proverbs offer thirteen road signs on God's wise way. These lessons are so practical to each person's everyday life! As you complete the daily devotions, ask God to help walk in wisdom.



**The Real Faith in Life Devotional Bible Study** is designed to help you dig into God's Word. Each lesson offers devotions for Monday through Saturday, along with an In-Class worksheet to be completed during your group study.

In order for you to gain the most out of your devotional time, use the following tools along with your student book.



**Bible study tools:** In order for you to dig into God's Word, consider using a Bible dictionary and a concordance.

If you are not familiar with these helpful guides, ask your pastor or youth leader for a recommendation.



**Journal:** Purchase a journal or notebook to record your personal thoughts and prayers. Bring your journal and student book to class each week so that you can take notes during the

lesson or write any special insights you gain from a particular activity. You may also use the journal for sermon notes or for prayer requests.

Or visit an online Bible tools Web site, such as [www.blueletterbible.org](http://www.blueletterbible.org).

This site offers commentaries, maps, and many other tools to help you in your Bible study. (This recommendation does not constitute a blanket endorsement by RBP.)

# Wisdom

Given the choice between a well-planned, wholesome party or a spur-of-the-moment, unchaperoned party, which would you choose? Everyone who reads Proverbs 9 faces this dilemma. The two parties described in this chapter are hosted by Wisdom and Foolishness. These two parties represent the two directions each person's life can go. People can go either down the godly, wise way or down the worldly, foolish way. As you study this week, ask yourself, Which path am I on?

## Memory Verse



*"Forsake the foolish, and live; and go in the way of understanding" (Proverbs 9:6).*

## Monday

### Read Proverbs 9:1–6.

1. What actions do verses 1–3 tell us Wisdom took in preparation for her party?
2. Based on these actions, how would you describe Wisdom's work in preparation for her party?
3. What does Wisdom's hard work tell us about the importance of what she was offering?
4. Who was invited to Wisdom's party?



*Solomon often used metaphors in his writing. A metaphor is a figure of speech in which a literal object or idea is used to represent another object or idea.*

5. What do you think the food and drink in this passage represent?
6. What is one specific way you can forsake foolishness this week?
7. How will you choose to walk in the way of understanding this week?



**Memory Verse Activity:** Place your memory verse card in a prominent place this week. Each time you face a choice that can result in either a wise or foolish action, recite the verse silently and ask God to help you choose the right path. Read Proverbs 9:6–12.

## Tuesday

1. Based on verses 6–9, how do the following types of people react to correction, discipline, and instruction?

A scorner:

A wicked man:

A wise man:

A just man:

2. What is the first step in gaining wisdom, according to verse 10?

3. Why do you think fearing God is such an important starting place?



*Fear of God involves literally being fearful of God because He is all powerful, but it also involves feeling awe or reverence because God's character is completely perfect and transcendent.*

4. How does knowing God help people understand life?

5. What are the benefits of wisdom according to verses 11 and 12?

6. What are some reasons wise people generally live longer than foolish people?

7. When have you responded to correction, discipline, or instruction as a wise or just person? as a scorner or a wicked person? Write your response in the appropriate column.

### Scornful/Wicked Responses

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### Wise/Just Responses

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# Wednesday

## Read Proverbs 9:13–18.

1. How is the foolish woman described in verse 13?



*The foolish woman (v. 13) is a metaphor for the foolish way and can represent both male and female fools.*

2. Give an example from pop culture of a “foolish woman.”

3. How did the foolish woman invite people to her party (vv. 14, 15)?

4. What does this invitation process tell you about the foolish woman’s genuine interest for the well-being of those who attend her party?

5. Whom does the foolish woman invite to her party?

6. What ultimately awaits those who accept the invitation to the party hosted by the foolish woman?

7. How can you prevent yourself from ending up at the foolish woman’s party? Develop a personal plan of action to avoid such situations.

# Thursday

Read Proverbs 9:1–6 and 13–18.

1. On the accompanying chart, record the descriptions of the parties hosted by the wise woman and the foolish woman.

<b>Actions</b>	<b>The Wise Woman's Party</b>	<b>The Foolish Woman's Party</b>
Invitees		
Invitation Method		
Preparations		
Food and Drink		
Results		

2. Which hostess do you think cares more about those who attend her party? Why?

3. In your opinion, why do people ignore the obviously better wise way and pursue foolishness?

4. Write a prayer, asking God for help. Commit to fleeing foolishness and pursuing life and understanding.

# Friday

## Read Proverbs 1:1–7.

1. Who was the book of Proverbs written for, according to verses 4 and 5?
2. Find and list phrases that describe why Solomon wrote these proverbs.
3. List examples of personal situations that correspond with each reason given above.
4. According to verse 7, what is the opposite of fearing God? How are people who don't fear God described?
5. How can you tell the difference between wise people who fear God and foolish despisers? How do these two types of people act?

**Read Proverbs 1:1–7 and 9:1–18.**

1. According to Proverbs, who can go down the godly wise way? Who can go down the worldly foolish way (1:4, 5; 9:4, 16)?
2. What does the fact that everyone has the potential to go down either the wise way or the foolish way tell you about the significance of the choices you make?
3. What is the most compelling reason to pursue God's wise way?
4. What is the most tempting reason to pursue the world's foolish way?
5. List three specific ways you will forsake foolishness and go in the way of understanding.



**I know I am on God's wise way when I flee foolishness and choose God's wisdom.**



# Journal Notes



# Life Choice

## DILEMMAS

Read the following dilemmas and decide which of the two reactions you would choose. After you make each choice, briefly list the reasons for your choice.

You have only one hour available to complete the following tasks, both of which require a full hour of your time. Which do you choose?

### DILEMMA

**One hour of studying for a final exam.**

**1**

**One hour of overdue chores assigned by your parents.**

**WHY?**

You are voted homecoming king or queen, and the crowning ceremony is at your school's homecoming dance. Do you

### DILEMMA

**Make an appearance at the dance for the crowning ceremony?**

**2**

**Refuse the honor and tell them to choose the runner up?**

**WHY?**

During the last few minutes of your lunch break at work, you begin to share the gospel with a coworker who is just starting his break. Your break ends before you are finished. Do you

### DILEMMA

**Ask your boss for an extension of your break to finish the conversation?**

**3**

**Let your coworker know you will be praying for an opportunity to finish the conversation at another time?**

**WHY?**