

WISDOM OR FOLLY ... YOUR CHOICE

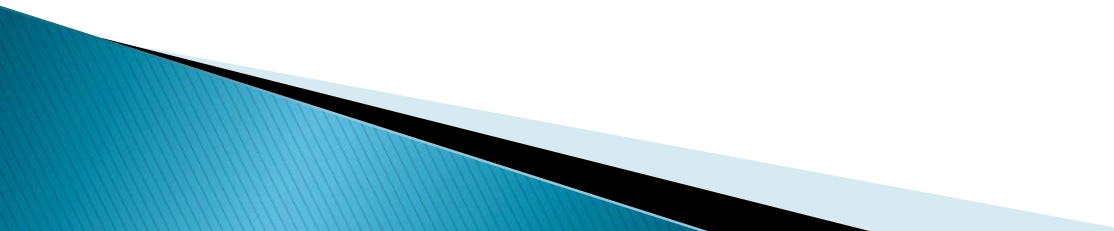
Proverbs 9:1–6, 13–18

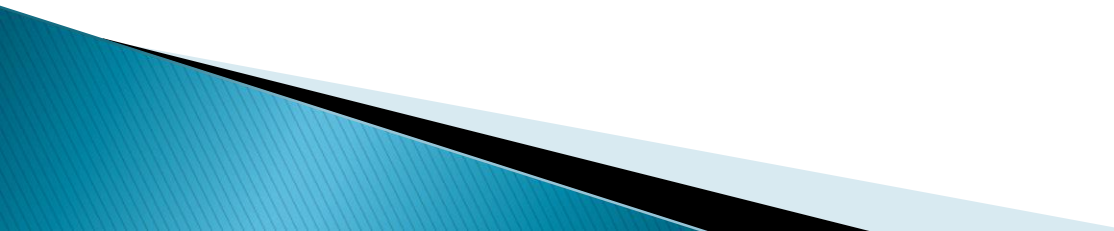
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Introduction

- ▶ We are bombarded with opportunities to make choices.
 - Spending
 - Associations – friends, acquaintances
 - What we do with our time
 - Destinations (where we go)
- ▶ Many forks along the Road of Life.
- ▶ When you come to a fork in the road, “Take it.” Yogi Berra

- ▶ In text, wisdom and folly extend invitations.
 - ▶ Each makes a case for choosing it.
 - ▶ Each one make, depending on who you ask, makes its path appear desirable or the one that should be taken.
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- ▶ I say it depends on who you ask because the more wisdom we acquire and godliness we assume, we can see certain matters as they actually are.
 - ▶ For many, the line in the sand has been drawn.
 - ▶ David proclaimed, as part of wisdom's protocol: *Your word have I hidden in my heart that I might not sin against You. Psalm 119:11*
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Notice the Net Result(s)

- ▶ Wisdom -> Life (v. 6)
- ▶ Folly / Foolishness -> Death and hell (v.18)
 - Financial ruin
 - Family dysfunction
 - Shattered dreams
 - Dashed hopes
- ▶ As stark a picture that is painted, it is what it is!

Lord's Invitation Extended to All

- ▶ **Be added to the Lord's body**

Hear the gospel (Romans 10:17)

Believe (Hebrews 11:6, Acts 15:7)

Repent (Acts 2:38)

Confess (Matthew 10:32; Romans 10:10)

Be baptized for the remission of sin (Acts 2:38); or

Lord's Invitation (cont'd)

- ▶ **Be reconciled unto the Lord (1 John 1:8–9); or**
- ▶ **Desire prayer (James 5:16)**

May GOD'S richest blessings be yours!