



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 – Opens with a call to our hearts, remember when:
 - Someone older tried to give you advice?
 - Spoke to you of their walk?
 - Gave you words you did not understand till much later...

CH 4 – SOLOMON'S MEMORY

- Solomon's cry..
 - 1 – hear that you will gain understanding
 - 2 – Do not abandon it... like something worthless
- 3 – when I was a SON...Are these words David spoke?
 - Heart holds fast (not the head!) 1Chron 28:9; 29:17
 - Acquire – purchase, buy, possess
 - 6 - She will guard you, LOVE HER!
 - Wisdom and get understanding with it! Neither alone...

RESPONSES FROM WISDOM

- 8 – she will exalt and honor you!
 - Embrace her... (see 5:20 – both are intimate!)
 - 9 – garland of grace; crown of glory – deliverance
 - 10 – long life
 - 11, 12 – way of wisdom = right paths! Steps w/o stumbling
 - 13 – GUARD HER – she IS you life!
- Do we take these things to heart for us? Our children?

WARNINGS OF WICKEDNESS (14-19)

- Just in case the blessings were not enough...
 - Do not Enter; Do not proceed; Avoid it; Turn away; Pass on
 - How many times do we need a hint here?
- Path of Wicked; Way of Evil men...
 - Cannot sleep till they do evil! (16)
 - “robbed of sleep” – play on words here...
 - Even their food is violent and wicked
- Contrast: Bright as Day/Stumble in the Dark (19)

KEYS TO AVOIDANCE: BODY!

- Remember, your body is a Temple...!!! Solomon built a...
- Note the statements and references:
 - EAR – INCLINED TO THE WORDS/SAYINGS
 - EYE – KEEP THEM IN SIGHT
 - HEART – CENTERED FOR “LIFE” AND HEALTH (VS 23!!)
 - MOUTH/LIPS – WARNING FOR SINFUL ACTS
 - EYES (X2) – LOOK STRAIGHT AHEAD; WATCH YOUR...
 - FEET = WALK