

Proverbs 1:20-33

The Call of Wisdom

Introduction

Proverbs are given to impart wisdom. Yet, knowledge and instruction without humility or receptivity leads to a life of regret. Our response to Wisdom's call reveals our heart's disposition. Our response exposes the real issue at hand is our willingness to be instructed.

Discussion Questions

- The simple often love being simple (1:22). What is it about being simple that is appealing? What advantage is there to youth and inexperience?
- Most of naivety and being simple is associated with youth and inexperience. In what areas of life are you still naive and inexperienced? What areas do you feel you know more about than experience would indicate?
- Mockers find those unlike them the target of their harsh words. Who or what is usually the object of your scorn or derision? Why is it that you enjoy scoffing or mocking those things?
- If others consider our ways foolish, they will usually be critical of us (1:26). In what areas of life have you received the most criticism? In what areas could you currently use more wisdom?
- Sometimes knowledge can be very disruptive (1:29). When are you most frustrated at learning something you wish you hadn't been told? Why?
- Complacency is an enemy of wisdom. It is not neutral, it is destructive (1:32). In what areas of life are you most complacent? How could that be destructive if left untended?
- Listening and a willingness to receive wisdom is the key issue (1:33). In what ways have you refused to listen in the past? What areas do you currently resist instruction and counsel?

Think About It

Pride lies behind our unwillingness to receive guidance. Humility lies behind God's willingness to distribute grace. The longer we resist the call of wisdom, the more regret we face in our future. The sooner we heed the call of wisdom, the brighter our future becomes.

What Will You Do?

No longer put off the call of wisdom. Turn from your simple, naive ways. Forsake your foolish, careless living. Repent of your scoffing and prideful mockery. Pursue the humble wisdom of God. Receive the promise of his Spirit.

Renewing Your Mind

*How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? **If you turn at my reproof, behold, I will pour out my spirit to you; I will make my words known to you.** (Proverbs 1:22-23)*

***Let no one deceive himself.** If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. (1Cor 3:18)*

***Do not be deceived: God is not mocked,** for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. (Galatians 6:7)*

***Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,** making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore **do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.** (Ephesians 5:15-17)*

***Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom,** that we may present everyone mature in Christ. (Colossians 1:28)*

Prayer Requests

