
SERMON OUTLINE

Who do we listen to?

Proverbs 1, 8, 9

- I. Our wisdom can be measured by who we listen to (Proverbs 1:8-19).
 - A. The wise listen to those of good character who truly care about them (1:8-9).
 - B. The foolish listen to those of bad character who only care about themselves (1:10-19).
- II. Wisdom Calls (Proverbs 1: 20-33; 8:1-31)
 - A. Wisdom cautions us against disaster (1:20-23).
 - B. Wisdom warns that we can't control the consequences of our bad choices (1:24-33).

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- C. Wisdom calls to tell us its value (8:1-21).
- D. Wisdom calls saying it comes from God (8:22-31)

Do I pray for Results or Wisdom (James 1:5; Proverbs 8-9)?

- Praying for results – To get what I want
- Praying for wisdom – To know what God wants

- Praying for results – Asking God to change circumstances
- Praying for wisdom – Asking God to change me, the way I react to circumstances, accept circumstances

- Praying for results – Pride: Assuming I know best.
- Praying for wisdom – Humility: Trusting God knows best.

- Praying for results – I don't end up liking the result (Proverbs 8:36)
- Praying for wisdom – I end up liking the result (Proverbs 8:34-35)!

- III. The wise learn to distinguish the voices of Wisdom and Folly (Proverbs 9).
 - A. Wisdom calls calmly to invite us to a life of godly reward (Proverbs 9:1-12).
 - B. Folly calls loudly to entice us to choices that end in a living death (Proverbs 9:13-18).

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