

THE _____ IN WISDOM

Proverbs 8

The perversity of sin found in chapter 7 gives way in chapter 8 to a wholesome contrast. In the previous chapter an impure woman entices a young man to follow the paths of immortality. In chapter 8 a more beautiful woman—Lady Wisdom—urges young men to follow paths of nobility, integrity and fidelity. (Wisdom in the Proverbs is synonymous with God and His Word.)

I. Wisdom's _____ (8:1-5)

- A. Wisdom calls for the attention of _____
 - 1. She selects the more _____ sites
 - 2. She stands, not on dark corners as the harlot of chapter 7
 - a. "Beside the gates" and "doors" to the city
 - b. She cries aloud where she is sure of an _____ (8:1-3)
 - 1. Because she has nothing to _____
 - 2. Because she has the listeners best _____ at heart
- B. Lady Wisdom appeals to people of all _____ Vs 4
 - 1. She addresses those who have little or no life experience and are _____ lead into error Vs 5a
 - 2. She addresses those who are _____ giving them an opportunity to change Vs 5b

II. Wisdom's _____ (8:6-11)

- A. Speaks of "excellent" things-_____ intended for the best interest of the hearer Vs 6a
- B. Speaks things that are right-righteous altogether Vs 6b
- C. Speaks only truth because lies are hated and _____ be spoken by Wisdom Vs 7
- D. All of Wisdom's words are spoken in righteousness and there is nothing _____ or sinful in their presentation or meaning Vs 8
 - 1. Plain to him that understands—they make good sense and give _____ Vs 9a
 - 2. Right to them that find knowledge-when examined are found to be accurate, clear, and _____ of consideration and heeding Vs 9b
- E. Wisdom's words are worth receiving-worth listening to and following completely Vs 10-11
 - 1. Of _____ value than silver, gold, or precious stones Vs 10-11a
 - 2. There is nothing in this world of greater value than the words of Wisdom Vs 11b

III. Wisdom's _____ (Vs 12-16)

- A. Wisdom lives with prudence-good judgment Vs 12a
- B. Wisdom knows where one may find knowledge and _____ vs 12b
- C. Wisdom hates _____ thus instructs on in the fear of the Lord Vs 13
- D. Wisdom is the _____ of true godly counsel
 - 1. Counsel that gives _____
 - 2. Counsel that gives _____ to do the right thing
- E. Wisdom is well qualified to direct the governing counsels of the world, if they will seek it Vs 15-16

IV. Wisdom's _____ (Vs 17-21)

- A. Wisdom is personal and _____ Vs 17
- B. Wisdom is personally _____ to the seeker Vs 18
- C. Wisdom _____ reward to those who follow Vs 19
 - 1. The reward is far greater than earthly _____

2. The reward is _____

D. Wisdom's path is good and favorable Vs 20-21

V. Wisdom has always _____ (Vs 22-31)

VI. Wisdom's Exhortation and _____ (Vs 32-35)

A. To pay attention to Wisdom is to know _____ Vs 32

B. To hear Wisdom's instruction and follow it produces wisdom in the follower Vs 33

C. To pay attention, hear and follow Wisdom is to: Vs 34-36

1. Give close _____ to Wisdom when it speaks Vs34

2. Find out how to live life here on earth and inherit eternal life in the future Vs 35

VII. Wisdom's _____ Vs 36

A. To ignore or refuse to pay attention, hear or follow Wisdom is to sin against _____ and bring trouble and hurt to one's own soul Vs 36a

B. To ignore Wisdom is to _____ Wisdom and embrace _____ in this life and possible eternal death in the future Vs 36b