



## Proverbs Daily Dose of Wisdom Devotional



### Chapter 9 By Terri Shown

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#### **Comparison and Contrast of Wisdom and Folly with Two Rival Women**

The wise woman built her house with 7 columns. She works, plans, and prepares a banquet for everyone to come. She encourages those attending to leave their simple ways behind and begin to learn good judgement.

In Contrast the foolish woman is likened to a prostitute who is brash and rude. She makes advances at men minding their own business. She had not planned or prepared for her guest so she steals provisions for them and acts as if it's no big deal. What I find the most interesting about this woman is that in verse 13 it says, "She is ignorant and doesn't know it." I'm sure we can all think of foolish people in our lives that are like this woman. I'm sure most of us aspire to be like the wise woman. Verse 10 says "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." Every time the topic of wisdom comes up I am reminded of when I was 9 years old and I learned about Solomon. In 2 Chronicles 1, young Solomon was just made King of Israel and the Lord asked what gift Solomon wanted from him. Solomon could have asked God for anything; wealth, power, a long life. But Solomon asked for knowledge and wisdom to rule God's people. The Lord in turn made Solomon the wisest man to ever live.

As a child, I was confused by his request, but I could tell that Solomon's request pleased the Lord. My heart as a child was consumed with wanting to please my Lord and Savior. To this day I remember praying to the Lord that night that he would make me wise like Solomon. I asked him to make me wise so I could bring honor to him. I believe God answered my prayer that night by giving me a teachable heart.

Often growing up, and even now, people often tell me I am wise beyond my years. Each time I hear this I thank God for his gift. When I was a teenager, wisdom kept me from a lot of the normal teenage drama. I decided not to date in high school. I avoided the party scene. After following some wise instruction from incredibly wise people in my life, my academic life excelled greatly. I graduated from high school as Valedictorian with an Associate's degree. Some might say I'm just a "smarty pants," but trust me - academics did not come easy. I would spend many hours with a tutor or smart peers because school was a real struggle for me. It was wisdom that helped me succeed.

My teachable heart learned to plan ahead for the future, learned to save for rainy days, avoid debt, and refrain from arguing with fools. I learned to patiently wait for the spouse the Lord had for me. While I have learned much since that night when I was 9 years old, I still have so much more to learn. I love listening to the advice of those older than me and reading the wisdom of Scripture, as well as listening to my Lord's still small voice. In my prayer time He continues to teach me. The more He teaches the wiser I become. After all being teachable is a perquisite to being wise.

Ask God to give you revelation today as you read chapter 9 of Proverbs.

What verse stood out to me \_\_\_\_\_

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What is God's wisdom to me \_\_\_\_\_

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What can I do today to go forward with God's wisdom in my life \_\_\_\_\_

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