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Be a Student
Proverbs 9
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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

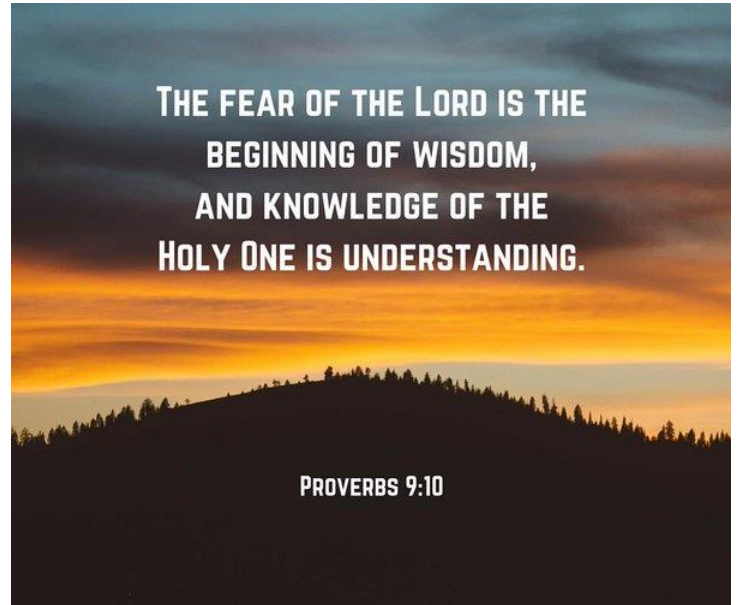
What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This week we are in Chapter 9 of Proverbs. In chapter 9 two women are portrayed: one woman representing wisdom and the other woman representing folly. Both women invite people in to dine with them. In different ways both have an aspect of appeal. However, only one is truly a wise choice. This week we will talk about making the wise choice and how we can choose to reflect the person of wisdom not the person of wickedness.

Proverbs 9 (NASB)

Wisdom's Invitation

9 Wisdom has built her house,
She has hewn out her seven pillars;
2 She has prepared her food, she has mixed her wine;
She has also set her table;
3 She has sent out her maidens, she calls
From the tops of the heights of the city:
4 "Whoever is naive, let him turn in here!"
To him who lacks understanding she says,
5 "Come, eat of my food
And drink of the wine I have mixed.
6 "Forsake *your* folly and live,
And proceed in the way of understanding."
7 He who corrects a scoffer gets dishonor for himself,
And he who reproveth a wicked man *gets* insults for himself.
8 Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you,
Reprove a wise man and he will love you.
9 Give *instruction* to a wise man and he will be still wiser,
Teach a righteous man and he will increase *his* learning.

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,

And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

11 For by me your days will be multiplied,
And years of life will be added to you.

12 If you are wise, you are wise for yourself,
And if you scoff, you alone will bear it.

13 The woman of folly is boisterous,
She is naive and knows nothing.

14 She sits at the doorway of her house,
On a seat by the high places of the city,

15 Calling to those who pass by,
Who are making their paths straight:

16 "Whoever is naive, let him turn in here,"

And to him who lacks understanding she says,

17 "Stolen water is sweet;

And bread *eaten* in secret is pleasant."

18 But he does not know that the dead are there,

That her guests are in the depths of Sheol.

● EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.

2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.

3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.

4. Is there anything repeated?

5. What is emphasized?

6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?

7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

🕒 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)
What does God MEAN?

8. There are two women talked about in the passage. Who are the two different women?

9. What is the warning against correcting a scoffer or wicked man?

10. There are 4 different people referenced in verses 7 and 9. How does the wise man of verse 9 differ from the wicked man of verse 7?

11. How would you explain verse 10 when it says that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom?

③ EMBRACE His Word (Application) (For Community Group discussion)
Why does this MATTER to me?

12. How is it beneficial to be more like the wise man of verse 9?

13. How can we be intentional about being more like the wise man of verse 9?

14. What are some examples of the wisdom of the world? When do you think the wisdom of the world looks most appealing?

15. From whom should a wise man receive instruction?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

SERMON NOTES