

Proverbs 8-9 — WARNINGS AGAINST FOLLY

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Proverbs 8 — WISDOM'S PLEA

8:4-11, Section One — Wisdom argues that she is valuable because she communicates truth.

- verse 6 — Wisdom's lips speak what is _____.
- verse 7 — Wisdom's mouth speaks what is _____.
- verse 8 — Wisdom's words are _____.
- In your own words, why should wisdom's words being true make her desirable to a person who wants to live a godly life?

8:4-5 — To what kinds of people does wisdom call out?

- What does she urge them to acquire?

8:7-13 — What sorts of things does wisdom disapprove of?

- verse 7 —
- verse 13 —

8:10-11 — Wisdom, instruction, and knowledge are more valuable than _____, _____, or _____.

8:12-21, Section Two — Wisdom argues that she is valuable because she grants power (8:14).

- verse 15 — By wisdom, _____ reign.
- verse 16 — By wisdom, _____ govern.
- verse 18 — With wisdom are _____ and _____, enduring wealth and prosperity.
- verse 21 — Wisdom bestows a rich _____ on those who love her.

8:15-20 — Notice the emphasis on *justice* in this section. This emphasis works to discourage ungodly abuses of power and to encourage the use of power to benefit those under that power.

- verse 15 — By wisdom, _____ issue decrees that are just.
- verse 20 — Wisdom walks in the way of _____, along the paths of _____.

8:22-31, Section Three — Wisdom argues that she is valuable because she precedes the creation.

- verse 22 — The Lord brought forth wisdom as the _____ of his works.
- verses 24-26 — Wisdom was given birth before there were watery depths, springs, _____, hills, the world, its fields, or the _____ of the earth.
- verses 27-29 — Wisdom was there when the Lord set the _____ in place and gave the _____ its boundary.
- verses 30-31 — At that time, wisdom was filled with _____, rejoicing in the Lord's presence, rejoicing in his whole world, and delighting in _____.

8:32-34 — Blessed are those who (verse 32)...
...and who (verse 34)...

8:35-36 — Those who find wisdom find _____ and receive _____ from the Lord. But those who fail to find wisdom _____ themselves, and all who hate wisdom love _____.

Proverbs 9 — COMPETING INVITATIONS

9:1-12, Wisdom's Invitation

9:4-5 — What kinds of people does wisdom invite to her house and table?

9:7-8 — What happens if you correct/rebuke a mocker or wicked person?

9:8-9 — What happens if you rebuke/instruct a wise or righteous person?

9:10 — The _____ of the Lord is the beginning of _____, and knowledge of the Holy One is _____.

9:11 — What will wisdom do for the days and years of your life?

9:12 — If you are wise, your wisdom will _____ you; if you are a mocker, you alone will _____.

9:13-18, Folly's Invitation

9:13 — Folly is an _____ woman; she is _____ and knows _____.

9:16 — To what kind of people does Folly call out?

9:17 — Folly says, “_____ water is sweet; food eaten in _____ is delicious!”

9:18 — What kind of guests does Folly keep at her house?