

Renewing Your Mind: Walking Wisely Proverbs Study
Teaching Notes Lesson 1, Part B: The Call of Wisdom

The Purpose of the Book (vs 1-7)

Title

Preamble (vs. 2-7)

Series of Infinitives

To know wisdom an instruction

To discern^(perceive) the words of understanding

To receive the instruction of wisdom

To give prudence to the simple

Note the order:

Wisdom gives knowledge and discretion.

Knowledge and discretion do NOT give wisdom.

To understand a proverb and an enigma

Wisdom begins with the fear of the Lord.

My Son (v.8)

Home is the place of instruction.

Emphasis on hearing + listening

Both fathers and mothers play a crucial part in the rearing of children.

Deut. 6

The children are to HEAR and NOT forsake this teaching. Prov. 20:11

My Son (First Discourse) The first instruction Solomon gives to a young son regards

companions and the enticement of immoral company.

The danger Ps. 119:63, 16:3, 1 Cor. 15:33

They are openly enticing & recruiting

Plans are overtly sinful (Prov. 9:17)

The path...Do not walk in the way with them. (Prov. 20:11)

Wisdom's Call to all (Second Discourse) (vs20-23)

The call of Woman Wisdom is aloud ^(public). What she has to offer is valid for every aspect of human life.

Wisdom is a Divine attribute.

Wisdom is personified as a woman.

Her call is a rebuke to a specific audience. (1 Thes 5:14)

If the simple will turn, the blessing will be great. (vs33)

The fruit of ignoring her call (v24-33).

The four rejections:

Hated Knowledge

Did not choose the fear of the Lord

Would have none of wisdom's counsel

Dispised wisdom's every rebuke

Gal. 6:9

Wrath of abandonment Rom 1:24ff, Isa 66:3-4

Eat the fruit of their own way

Be filled to the full with their own devices

Turning away of the simple will Kill them

Complacency of fools will destroy them

Rom 10:17ff

But the wise, who listen will dwell secure and without fear of evil. (Vs33)