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3 She has sent out her
young women to call from
the highest places in the
town,
4 "Whoever is simple, let
him turn in here!"

Prov 9:3-4a



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Woman Wisdom or Woman Folly?



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- ¹ Wisdom has built her house;
she has hewn her seven pillars.
- ² She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed
her wine;
she has also set her table.

Proverbs 9:1-2



calling to those who pass by,
who are going straight on their way,

Proverbs 9:15



¹⁶ "Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!"
And to him who lacks sense she says,
¹⁷ "Stolen water is sweet,
and bread eaten in secret is pleasant."

Proverbs 9:16-17



“All sin, all folly, it would seem, are temptations to acquire legitimate created goods (sex, wealth, honor, power) by illegitimate means.”

Raymond Van Leeuwen



Leave your simple ways, and live,
and walk in the way of insight.”

Proverbs 9:6



But he does not know that the dead are there,
that her guests are in the depths of Sheol.

Proverbs 9:18



The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

John 10:10



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“As we read Proverbs today, we can see how—beneath the imagery—we are all part of the audience addressed by these two women. To read this book correctly, we must all—men and women, young and old—place ourselves in the position of that unformed audience. We need to make a decision: Follow Wisdom, or follow Folly.”

Tremper Longman





- ⁷ Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse,
and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury.
- ⁸ Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you;
reprove a wise man, and he will love you.

Proverbs 9:7-8



Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still
wiser;
teach a righteous man, and he will increase in
learning.

Proverbs 9:9



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*“It stands in front of the rest of the collection as
the quintessential expression of the basic spiritual
grammar for understanding the book.”*

Bruce Waltke





²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom,
²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block
to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who
are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power
of God and the wisdom of God.

1 Corinthians 1:22-24





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- 11 For by me your days will be multiplied,
and years will be added to your life.
- 12 If you are wise, you are wise for yourself;
if you scoff, you alone will bear it.

Proverbs 9:11–12

