**Wisdom for Living – Pr. 9**

1. **The invitation to the house of God’s wisdom – 9 :1 – 6**
2. The house of God’s wisdom is built standing on 7 pillars – 9:1
3. The house of God’s wisdom has spiritual food prepared – 9:2
4. The house of God’s wisdom has sent out invitations to the house of Wisdom – 9:3 – 6
* Whoever is naïve, let him turn in here!
* Come eat my food
* Drink the wine I have mixed
* Forsake your folly = wickedness and live
* Proceed in the way of understanding
1. **The instructions to the wicked & to the wise – 9: 7 -12**
2. The wisdom of correcting another person – 9:7 - 8
* Correct a scoffer get dishonor for yourself
* Reprove a wicked man get insults for yourself
* Don’t reprove a scoffer or he will hate you
* Reprove a wise man he will love you
1. The wisdom of teaching another person – 9:9
* Instruct a wise man he will be wiser
* Teach a righteous man he will increase in learning
1. The fear of the Lord the beginning of God’s wisdom – 9:10
2. The knowledge of the Holy One is understanding
3. The promises of living by God’s wisdom – 9:11
4. Living by God’s wisdom multiplies your days
5. Living by God’s wisdom years will be added to your life
6. The warning of God’s wisdom – 9:12
7. If you are wise, you are wise for yourself – your own benefit
8. If you scoff, you alone will bear it – suffer for your scoffing
9. **The invitation to the house of foolishness – 9:13 – 18**
10. The house of the foolishness– 9:13
* The house of the fool is boisterous – murmurs, growls, is loud & clamorous
* The house of the fool is naïve & without knowledge
1. The voice of the foolishness – 9:14 16
* The fool sits in the fool’s house & invites to travelers passing along the way
* The fool calls to those who are seeking to live by wisdom – ‘making their paths straight”
* The fool calls – “whoever is naïve let him turn in here”
* The fool invites to the house of fools as wisdom invites to the house of wisdom
1. The false promises of foolishness 9:16 -17
* Foolishness promises to those who lack understanding:

“Stolen water is sweet”

“Bread eaten in secret is pleasant”

1. **The warning to those who lack understanding – 9:18**

***Those who lack understanding do not know that foolishness leads to deadness***

***Those who lack understanding do not know that foolishness leads to eternal hell***