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*An Active Study in Wisdom*

Review:

Wisdom calls us to:

Listen, learn, receive, give

We are either learners (wisdom seekers), or fools (I know)

## WISDOM CRIES OUT LOUDLY

### **Proverbs 1:20-33**

Wisdom calls out in the street; she raises her voice in the public squares.<sup>21</sup> She cries out above the commotion; she speaks at the entrance of the city gates:

- Wisdom yells at us in public
- She can be heard
- She makes sure all hear

Application:

Where is wisdom speaking loud and clear in your life and you are ignoring it?

**22 “How long, foolish ones, will you love ignorance? How long will you mockers enjoy mocking and you fools hate knowledge?”**

- This is what she says:

1. How long you fool will you love to be ignorant?

- This is the person who has listened and maybe learned, but not received.
- This is the Christian who refuses to memorize scripture because they are lazy
- This is the non-Christian who chooses short term sin instead of eternal blessings.

2. How long will you enjoy mocking people?

- Two kinds. One does it vocally, one does it internally
- Mocking is a cowardly way of belittling others to make yourself look better

3. How long will you hate knowledge?

- Men want to fix things, women want to be heard. The wise man listens. the wise woman encourages her husband in his endeavors.

Application: Ask someone you can trust if you are guilty of choosing ignorance, making fun of people, and being the I know person



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**23 If you respond to my warning, then I will pour out my spirit on you and teach you my words.**

- As we listen to wisdom (listen, learn, receive, give), God's presence is with us, and we are taught by God his words
- As we respond to wisdom's warning, we are bringing ourselves into the presence of God

**Exodus 33:9-11** When Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would come down and remain at the entrance to the tent, and the Lord would speak with Moses. 11 The Lord spoke with Moses face to face, just as a man speaks with his friend. Then Moses would return to the camp, but his assistant, the young man Joshua son of Nun, would not leave the inside of the tent.

**Hebrews 13:5-6** Your life should be free from the love of money. Be satisfied with what you have, for He Himself has said, I will never leave you or forsake you. 6 Therefore, we may boldly say: The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?

**James 4:8** Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, sinners, and purify your hearts, double-minded people!

**24 Since I called out and you refused, extended my hand and no one paid attention, 25 since you neglected all my counsel and did not accept my correction, 26 I, in turn, will laugh at your calamity. I will mock when terror strikes you, 27 when terror strikes you like a storm and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when trouble and stress overcome you.**

- Understand this is not God, but wisdom itself
- Wisdom presents itself to us constantly, and when neglected enough, in our ignorance we can't find it anymore

**28 Then they will call me, but I won't answer; they will search for me, but won't find me. 29 Because they hated knowledge, didn't choose to fear the Lord, 30 were not interested in my counsel, and rejected all my correction, 31 they will eat the fruit of their way and be gluttoned with their own schemes. 32 For the turning away of the inexperienced will kill them, and the complacency of fools will destroy them. 33 But whoever listens to me will live securely and be free from the fear of danger."**

### **If wisdom is rejected:**

1. You will be laughed at
2. You will be mocked
3. You will not be listened to even in deep troubles
4. You will receive in full the punishment of your actions



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5. You will continue to want to pursue ignorance
6. You will be destroyed and eventually die

**Jeremiah 5:25** Your guilty acts have diverted these things from you. Your sins have withheld My bounty from you

**If wisdom is received:**

1. God will pour out the Holy Spirit on us
2. He will teach us his words (Listen, learn, receive, give)
3. We will live securely
4. We will be free from the FEAR of danger (not danger)