

Wisdom Calling > Proverbs 8:1-21

8:1-5 *What wisdom offers.* The call to embrace wisdom is a call to seek after and live by prudence and good sense.

8:6-11 *How wisdom differs from folly.* “Lady wisdom” differs from the adulteress of **chapter 7** in almost every way: wisdom leads toward what is good and true rather than just what is flashy and loud. It seeks what is best according to how God has made the world rather than seeking instant and short-lasting pleasures.

8:12-13 *We will hate what God hates.* Wisdom will change us to learn what is actually evil and what is actually good. We’ll begin to “think God’s thoughts after Him” by embracing what is truly good and fleeing from what is wicked.

8:14-16 *We will embrace God’s justice.* True wisdom is the only path to real, lasting, life-changing justice.

8:17-21 *We will value what God says is valuable.* Living by God’s wisdom means that we’ll learn what is worth pursuing – what is worth our lives, money, time, and dreams.

Context: The picture of pursuing wisdom in this chapter depends upon us recognizing the foolishness of the adulteress in **chapter 7** and seeing the contrast.

Aim: To embrace God’s foundation for faithfulness in how we conduct our lives.

Gospel: God’s wisdom not only tells us how to live here and now, but it also tells us how to have eternal life.

Application: Let’s pursue wisdom together as God’s people.

Here is how I will apply these truths: _____
