



Walk in Wisdom
Proverbs 3:13-18

Sermon Series: Walking Wisely

Proverbs 3:13-14 (NKJV)

- ¹³ Blessed are those who find wisdom,
those who gain understanding,
¹⁴ for she is more profitable than silver
and yields better returns than gold.



Proverbs 13:15-16 (NKJV)

- ¹⁵ She is more precious than rubies;
nothing you desire can compare with
her.
- ¹⁶ Long life is in her right hand;
in her left hand are riches and honor.



Proverbs 13:17-18 (NKJV)

- ¹⁷ Her ways are pleasant ways,
and all her paths are peace.
¹⁸ She is a tree of life to those who take
hold of her;
those who hold her fast will be
blessed.



If you choose to live wisely you can expect:

- *Contentment*
- *Courage*
- *Confidence*
- *Peace*
- *Progress*
- *Prosperity*



If you walk unwisely you can expect:

- *Conflict*
- *Consternation*
- *Disappointment*
- *Disillusionment*
- *Discontentment*



Introduction

- *Wisdom is seeking heavenly opinions on earthly circumstances.*
- There are five main reasons God desires for us to walk in wisdom:



Why God Desires Us to Walk in Wisdom

- 1. God desires for us to become all that He created us to be.
- 2. God desires for us to accomplish all of the work that He sets before us to do.



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- 3. God desires for us to receive, to experience, and to enjoy all the blessings He desires to pour into our lives.



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- 4. God desires for our lives to bring glory to Him.
- 5. God desires that we avoid all the pitfalls associated with foolish living.



Why People Act Foolishly

- First, some foolish choices are made in ignorance.
- Second, foolish choices are often rooted in self-gratification.



Why People Act Foolishly

- Third, some foolish choices are made in response to peer or societal pressure.



I. The Ultimate Fool's Game

- The fool's game involves...
- ***An Inevitable Appointment***
- Hebrews 9:27 (NKJV), *"It is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment."*



The Ultimate Fool's Game

- *An Inevitable Judgment*
- *Who we become in this life and what we do in this life are subject to divine evaluation-not only daily, but also eternally.*



The Ultimate Fool's Game

- *Daily Rejection of God's Plan*
- *Any time a person limits the role of God in his life or compromises God's commandments, that person is rejecting Him.*



The Question That Follows Error: “What Happened?”

- People often find themselves dazed or stunned by the consequences of their lives.
- Foolish choices tend to result in a “snowballing” of further foolish choices.



II. God Desires a Better Way

- *¹⁵ See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, ¹⁶ redeeming the time, because the days are evil.
¹⁷ Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.*

(Eph. 5:15-17 NKJV)



God Desires a Better Way

- 1. We must choose to pursue wisdom.
- 2. We must seek God's plan.



God Desires a Better Way

- *Every person faces three enemies in life: the world system, the flesh, and the devil.*



God Desires a Better Way

- God's promise is that those who love and search for wisdom will find it.
- "Wisdom" speaks in Proverbs 18:7 (NKJV) saying, *"I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently will find me."*



God Desires a Better Way

- Matthew 7:7-8 (NKJV), *“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.”*



God Desires a Better Way

- 3. We must take responsibility for applying wisdom to our lives.
- *No area of life is beyond the need for wisdom, off-limits to God's wisdom, or ignored by God's Word.*



God Desires a Better Way

- I want to emphasize the word walking. We walk two congruent and simultaneous paths in life: we walk with God, and we walk with other people.



Invitation

- Will you accept God's challenge to become a wise person and to walk in His wisdom daily?

