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Listen to Godly Counsel

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Proverbs 9:1-18 (ESV)

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. 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!” To him who lacks sense she says,



Proverbs 9:1-18 (ESV)

⁵ “Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. ⁶ Leave your simple ways, and live, and walk in the way of insight.” 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 9:1-18 (ESV)

⁹ Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning. ¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight. ¹¹ For by me your days will be multiplied, and years will be added to your life.



Proverbs 9:1-18 (ESV)

¹² If you are wise, you are wise for yourself; if you scoff, you alone will bear it. ¹³ The woman Folly is loud; she is seductive and knows nothing. ¹⁴ She sits at the door of her house; she takes a seat on the highest places of the town, ¹⁵ calling to those who pass by, who are going straight on their way,



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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.” ¹⁸ But he does not know that the
dead are there, that her guests are in the
depths of Sheol.



Proverbs 9:7-12 (ESV)

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Proverbs 12:15 (ESV)

The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice.



Proverbs 15:22 (ESV)

Without counsel plans fail, but with many advisers they succeed.



Proverbs 24:5-6 (ESV)

A wise man is full of strength, and a man of knowledge enhances his might, ⁶ for by wise guidance you can wage your war, and in abundance of counselors there is victory.



Humble and Teachable

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“What it means to be a fool is to refuse to listen to correction, to be fanatically insistent on living on the basis of one’s own wisdom instead of trusting in the Lord. Turning aside to folly is truly a kind of insanity because it is inherently destructive.”

–Thomas Schreiner

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“No man earns more universal detestation or deserves it more than he who wears a perpetual sneer...He is the person with the knowing wink and the clever phrase who has seen through the hollowness of everything.” -William McKane

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Cultivating a Culture of Godly Counsel

- Take your church membership seriously.
- Intentionally nurture relationships with wise people.
- Ask for input in decision-making.
- Listen when you are confronted over sin.



“When I have learnt to love God better than my earthly dearest, I shall love my earthly dearest better than I do now. In so far as I learn to love my earthly dearest at the expense of God and *instead* of God, I shall be moving towards the state in which I shall love my earthly dearest at all.

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When first things are put first, second things are not suppressed but increased.”

-C.S. Lewis

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