

Proverbs 9:1-12 **Wisdom's Works And Ways With Mankind**

The Way of Wisdom

1. Wisdom has built her house, She has hewn out her seven pillars;
2 She has slaughtered her meat, She has mixed her wine, She has also furnished her table.
- 3 She has sent out her maidens, She cries out from the highest places of the city,
4 "Whoever *is* simple, let him turn in here!"
As for him who lacks understanding, she says to him,
5 "Come, eat of my bread And drink of the wine I have mixed.
6 Forsake foolishness and live, And go in the way of understanding.
- 7 "He who corrects a scoffer gets shame for himself, And he who rebukes a wicked *man only* harms himself.
8 Do not correct a scoffer, lest he hate you;
Rebuke a wise *man*, and he will love you.
9 Give *instruction* to a wise *man*, and he will be still wiser;
Teach a just *man*, and he will increase in learning.
- 10 "The fear of Yahweh (the LORD) *is* the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One *is* understanding.
11 For by me your days will be multiplied, And years of life will be added to you.
- 12 If you are wise, you are wise for yourself,
And *if* you scoff, you will bear *it* alone."

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Facts Revealed:

- ✧ Wisdom has built her house, She has hewn out her seven pillars;
She has slaughtered her meat, She has mixed her wine, She has also furnished her table. [Proverbs 9:1-2]
- ✧ Wisdom is prepared to give aid to mankind.
- ✧ She has sent out her maidens, She cries out from the highest places of the city,
"Whoever *is* simple, let him turn in here!"
As for him who lacks understanding, she says to him,
"Come, eat of my bread And drink of the wine I have mixed.
Forsake foolishness and live, And go in the way of understanding. [Proverbs 9:3-6]
- ✧ Wisdom calls for all to seek wisdom and gain understanding.
- ✧ Then to forsake foolishness and walk in the way of understanding.
- ✧ To forsake foolishness is to truly live.

- ☆ "He who corrects a scoffer gets shame for himself, And he who rebukes a wicked *man only* harms himself.
Do not correct a scoffer, lest he hate you;
Rebuke a wise *man*, and he will love you.
Give *instruction* to a wise *man*, and he will be still wiser;
Teach a just *man*, and he will increase in learning. [[Proverbs 9:7-9](#)]
 - ◇ The contrast between teaching the wise and just or the wicked and scoffer.
 - ◇ The scoffer and the wicked will turn on you with hateful retaliation to their own destruction.
 - ◇ The wise and just will love you, receive the instruction and benefit by it.
- ☆ "**The fear of Yahweh (the LORD) is the beginning of wisdom**, And the knowledge of the Holy One *is* understanding.
For by me your days will be multiplied, And years of life will be added to you.
[\[Proverbs 9:10-11\]](#)
 - ◇ Wisdom begins with the proper fear of Yahweh.
 - ◇ Understanding comes through gaining knowledge of The Holy One.
- ☆ If you are wise, you are wise for yourself,
And *if* you scoff, you will bear *it* alone." [[Proverbs 9:12](#)]
 - ◇ The attitude and character of an individual is personal and restricted to the one who holds it.
 - ◇ The consequences are equally restricted to the individual.
 - ◇ However the influence of both affects others for good or for evil.