

Understanding the Book of Proverbs through a Law/Gospel lens

Chapter 31

Here we have the words of wisdom from a _____ for her son (verse 1). This book begins with the voice of a father and ends with the voice of a mother.

A parent desires nothing more than their children walk in _____.

We will first see the mother warning her son of the ways of Lady Folly. The mother will then switch the focus and begin to focus on the _____ of Lady Wisdom.

Here we are warned about pursuing _____ and instead encouraged to pursue _____.

The ways of folly make no _____ (verse 2)

The way of folly only _____ and tears a person down (verses 3-5)

-folly calls for you to feed the _____

-Folly wants you to _____ what is good, right, and true

Leave the ways of folly for the _____ perishing in their folly (verses 6-7)

The way of wisdom is to strive to walk in _____ to the Law of the Lord
(verses 8-9)

-The Law of the Lord calls us to _____ God and _____ others (be a blessing to others)

Look at how _____ and attractive wisdom is—pursue her (verses 10-31)

“The Proverbs 31 woman is none other than Lady Wisdom herself.”¹

“Solomon pleads with young men to desire wisdom the way they desire the perfect wife. Solomon’s metaphorical wife shows us just how amazing wisdom is.”²

-Wisdom is _____ in all she does

-Wisdom is more _____ than anything in this world (verse 10)

-Wisdom is always _____ and good (verses 11-12)

-Wisdom is always at work being a _____ to others (verses 13-22, 24)

¹ <https://gentlereformation.com/2021/01/26/the-freeing-life-of-the-proverbs-31-woman/>

² <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/find-proverbs-woman/>

- Wisdom brings _____ to those who are hers (verse 23)
- Wisdom is always _____ for the trials of life and does not cave at the troubles life brings (verse 25)
- Wisdom _____ all who are hers (verses 26-29)
- The fruit and benefit of Wisdom _____, unlike temporary beauty and charm (verse 30)
- Wisdom should be _____ and cherished by all (verse 31)

Proverbs has presented to us two ways of living.

A life pursuing Lady Folly looks like:

- Living to feed the _____
- Don't think about the future but live for pleasure in the _____
- Death, ruin, and misery in the present and at the end (_____)

A life pursuing Lady Wisdom looks like:

- Considering the _____ and His ways in all you do
- Keeping one's eyes on that which is to _____
- Life, joy, and peace in the present and forevermore (_____)

The wisdom (knowledge and understanding-2:6) of God always leads you to Christ. Therefore, Christ is the Wisdom of God. To pursue Lady Wisdom is to walk by _____ in the Lord Jesus Christ.

In Christ “are hidden all of the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.” (Colossians 2:3)