

# sermon notes

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Oct 29, 2023 | “Lady Wisdom’s Impassioned Plea” | **Proverbs 1:20-33**

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1. Wisdom is there for the \_\_\_\_\_  
(1:20-21)
2. Wisdom is the cure for \_\_\_\_\_  
(1:22-23)
3. Wisdom will not tarry \_\_\_\_\_  
(1:24-28)
4. Wisdom’s absence results in \_\_\_\_\_  
(1:29-31)
5. Wisdom’s presence results in \_\_\_\_\_  
(1:32-33)

## Questions for further application of God’s Word:

### GO DEEPER

Read Proverbs 1:20-33. Does Lady Wisdom discriminate against people of different backgrounds, socioeconomic conditions, or education? Is Lady Wisdom a reluctant, reclusive teacher? How do we know from 1:20-21?

What’s the difference between a simple person, a scoffer, and a fool (1:22)?  
What does Lady Wisdom pledge to each of these if they listen to her (1:23)?  
What does she pledge if they ignore her?

### GET PERSONAL

In your worst moments would you describe yourself as a simple person who loves being simple, a scoffer who delights in scoffing, or a fool who hates knowledge? Are you attentive, skeptical, or apathetic to wisdom’s plea? How can you make yourself more attentive to wisdom’s call? How might a “reproof” (1:23, 25, 30) from a trusted friend or confidant prove helpful?

Describe some ways that wisdom’s presence results in peace. Name some ways that peace has materialized in your life when wisdom was present. Do you agree that wisdom’s presence generally results in peace (1:32-33)? Are there exceptions to this? Is this a truism or a promise?

### PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Describe some ways that wisdom’s absence can result in disaster. What are some ways that disaster has materialized in your life when wisdom was absent? What would you have done differently in hindsight? What will you do differently in the future? Write out some vows before the Lord that will help you avert disaster.

### ADVANCED QUESTIONS

What are the connections between Lady Wisdom in Proverbs and Jesus in the NT? Do you see Lady Wisdom as a kind of type for the antitype, Jesus? Does Jesus offer us something that can change our lives? What’s the result of rejecting him? What’s the result of heeding him? For help on these matters, see the following article by Matt Emerson at the TGC website:

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/jesus-proverbs/>

Proverbs 1:33 says that those who listen to wisdom will “dwell secure” and “without dread of disaster?” What about godly Christians who die of cancer? What about car accidents? What about Christian martyrs who are put to death for their faith? Do these events prove that 1:33 is wrong?