



Proverbs 1 & 8 | Meet Lady Wisdom 05.24.20

John 1:12-13 *But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: ¹³ who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*

John 17:3 *And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.*

Wisdom provides the ability to see and respond to life according to God's plan as given to us in Scripture.

In Proverbs 1, we observe that (1) wisdom is available, (2) wisdom can be rejected, (3) rejecting wisdom brings serious consequences, and (4) embracing wisdom brings numerous benefits.

Proverbs 1:20-23 *Wisdom calls aloud outside; She raises her voice in the open squares. ²¹She cries out in the chief concourses, At the openings of the gates in the city She speaks her words: ²²"How long, you simple ones, will you love simplicity For scorners delight in their scorning, And fools hate knowledge. ²³Turn at my rebuke; Surely I will pour out my spirit on you.*

Four Reasons Lady Wisdom is Rejected: adapted from Chuck Swindoll

1. Rebellion: I called out, but you refused. v24a
2. Insensitivity: I stretched out my hand, and no one regarded it. v24b
3. Indifference: You set aside my appeal. v25a
4. Defensiveness: You justified while ignoring my reproof. v25b

Proverbs 1:24-25 *Because I have called and you refused, I have stretched out my hand and no one regarded, ²⁵Because you disdained all my counsel, And would have none of my rebuke (reproof)*

Reproof means to convict or convince. It is God's loving criticism as he reveals areas of our lives that need addressed with confession and repentance.

How well do I respond to rebuke when someone questions my beliefs or actions?

Proverbs 1:26-33 *I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your terror comes, ²⁷When your terror comes like a storm, And your destruction comes like a whirlwind, When distress and anguish come upon you. ²⁸"Then they will call on me, but I will not answer; They will seek me diligently, but they will not find me. ²⁹Because they hated knowledge And did not choose the fear of the LORD, ³⁰They would have none of my counsel And despised my every rebuke. ³¹Therefore they shall eat the fruit of their own way, And be filled to the full with their own fancies. ³²For the turning away of the simple will slay them, And the complacency of fools will destroy them; ³³But whoever listens to me will dwell safely, And will be secure, without fear of evil."*

Digging Deeper: See **James 3:13-18** and compare the two wisdoms he mentions. See **Matthew 7:24-27** and note who Jesus refers to as wise, and why he does so.