

¹ **WISDOM**

she has built her house,
² she has hewn out her seven pillars;
she has **PREPARED** her food,
she has mixed her wine;
she has also set her table;

³ she has sent out her maidens,
she **CALLS** from the
TOPS OF THE HEIGHTS OF THE CITY:

⁴ "Whoever is **NAIVE**, let him turn in here !"

To him who lacks **UNDERSTANDING** she says,

⁵ "Come, eat my food, and
drink of the wine I have mixed.

⁶ **Forsake** your folly and **LIVE**, and
proceed in the way of understanding."

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Proverbs 9:7-12 I'll know what you are by how you choose.

⁷ He who **CORRECTS** a **SCOFFER** gets **dishonor** for **himself**,
and
He who **REPROVES** a **WICKED MAN** gets **insults** for **himself**.

⁸ Do not **REPROVE** a **SCOFFER** lest he **hate you**,

REPROVE a **WISE MAN** and he will **love you**.

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 **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 alone** will bear it.

¹³ The **WOMAN OF FOLLY**

is **BOISTEROUS**,
she is **NAIVE**,
and **KNOWS NOTHING**.

¹⁴ She sits at the doorway of her house,
on a seat by **THE HIGH PLACES OF THE CITY**,
¹⁵ **CALLING** to those who pass by,
who are making their paths straight:

¹⁶ "Whoever is **NAIVE**, let him turn in here,"

And to him who lacks **UNDERSTANDING** 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.