

**Sermon: “Lady Wisdom Calling”**

Text: Proverbs 1:20-23

Solomon uses a powerful literary device called “personification”—where wisdom is likened to a woman calling out loudly in public places. What does this text teach us about the calls of Lady Wisdom? What relevant lessons can we apply from this passage of Scripture to our lives in the present?

**1. Lady Wisdom \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.**  
**(1:20-21)**

Personification: a writing technique in literature where an author takes an inanimate object or abstract idea and gives it human characteristics.

*“Lady Wisdom goes out in the street and shouts. At the town center she makes her speech. In the middle of the traffic she takes her stand. At the busiest corner she calls out...”* -The Message

You don’t have to be a scholar, a writer, a thinker, a theologian, or some brilliant mind to embrace God’s wisdom for your life.

Just like Lady Wisdom, you and I need to learn how to hold out the truth of Jesus to all people—in an uncomplicated and uncompromising way.

**2. Lady Wisdom \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_.** (1:22)

When Lady Wisdom asks “How long...” that question is directed at three different groups of secular people who make up today’s world. But what’s most interesting about these three groups is the way the groups progress DOWNWARD.

Three Groups in today’s secular world: (A downward descent)

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Proverbs 3:34 ESV *“Toward the scorners he is scornful, but to the humble he gives favor.”*

Proverbs 11:2 ESV *“When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with the humble is wisdom.”*

Search your heart today— and make sure that you are maintaining a humble, teachable spirit— so that God can lead you toward wisdom!

**3. Lady Wisdom \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.** (1:23)

By definition, a *rebuke* is a sharp disapproval or a pointed criticism of someone because of their thinking, actions, motivations, or behavior.

2 Timothy 4:1-2 ESV *“I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.”*

The rebuke is to “TURN”: *turn* from this path that is leading away from wisdom and skillfulness and God’s blessing. *Turn*, she says—away from the path that leads to *destruction*—to her path of wisdom—that leads to *instruction* and true life.

The strong rebuke is followed with an amazing promise of HOPE! Turning toward God’s wisdom brings a spring of salvation, “living water” in Jesus, and a transformed life!

**Are you ready for change? Are you desperate to find wisdom? Are you ready to get off the path you’ve been on for so long? Turn to Jesus in believing faith.**

*“Lord Jesus, I admit that I haven’t been listening to wisdom. I’ve been scorning and foolishly going my own way. I’m on the wrong path, and I need you to get me on the right path—the path to wisdom. Jesus, I turn from my sins today with a humble heart, and I turn to you in believing faith. I receive you today as the Lord and Leader of my life—so make me new, change me, and help me to follow You.”*

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