



The Way of Service

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TEXT: Proverbs 3:27-30

Introduction: The opening paragraph of the Book of Proverbs summarizes the message of the whole book: “*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction*” (**Proverbs 1:7**). There are two contrasting ways to live: the way of the wise and the way of the foolish. Throughout this series we will see several things that can help us to walk in the “way of the wise.” In this particular lesson, we will notice the way of service. Let’s study together....

Discussion:

I. The Way of the Wise = Thinking of Others

The wise do not withhold good from others (**Proverbs 3:27**).

The wise do not put off the needs of others (**Proverbs 3:28**).

The wise do not forget their position with others (**Proverbs 3:29**).

The wise do not fight with others (**Proverbs 3:30**).

II. The Way of the Foolish = Thinking of Self

The foolish withhold good from others (**Proverbs 3:27**).

The foolish put off the needs of others (**Proverbs 3:28**).

The foolish forget their position with others (**Proverbs 3:29**).

The foolish fight with others (**Proverbs 3:30**).

Conclusion: There are only two ways to live: the way of the wise and the way of the foolish. When we choose the wrong way it results in the tragic consequences of pain and death (**Romans 3:23, 6:23**). However, Jesus now provides the path for us to be reconciled to God. Will you surrender to Him? Will you believe in Him? Will you repent of your sins? Will you confess your faith? Will you be immersed into His blood? What path will you choose?

WORD OF THE DAY = “SERVICE”