



The Way of Discretion

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TEXT: Proverbs 2:10-22

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 second lesson, we will notice the way of discretion. Let’s study together....

Discussion:

I. The Way of the Wise = Discretion

The wise are discreet because they choose good behavior (**Proverbs 1:4**).

The wise are discreet because they choose good friends (**Proverbs 17:17**).

The wise are discreet because they choose good relationships (**Proverbs 31:10-31**).

II. The Way of the Foolish = Reckless

The foolish are reckless because they choose bad behavior (**Proverbs 2:10-12**).

The foolish are reckless because they choose bad friends (**Proverbs 2:12-15**).

The foolish are reckless because they choose bad relationships (**Proverbs 2:16-19**).

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**). This is the bad news. However, the New Testament gives us the good news, which is the “gospel.” Jesus came to the earth, perfectly lived the way of the wise, and paid the price for our rebellion. He 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 = “DISCRETION”