



# *The Way of Guidance*

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**TEXT: Proverbs 3:5-6**

**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 fourth lesson, we will notice the way of guidance. Let’s study together....

**Discussion:**

## ***I. The Way of the Wise = Led By God***

The wise are guided by God because of providence (**Proverbs 3:1-3**).

The wise are guided by God because of prerequisites (**Proverbs 3:4-6**).

The wise are guided by God because of promises (**Proverbs 3:7-10**).

The wise are guided by God because of principle (**Proverbs 3:11-13**).

## ***II. The Way of the Foolish = Led By Man***

The foolish are guided by impulse (**Proverbs 10:14**).

The foolish are guided by immaturity (**Proverbs 14:24**).

The foolish are guided by imitation (**Proverbs 15:14**).

The foolish are guided by immorality (**Proverbs 19:3**).

**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 = “GUIDANCE”***