



The Way of Counsel

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TEXT: Proverbs 10:19–21

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 counsel. Let’s study together....

Discussion:

I. The Way of the Wise = Embrace the Counsel of Others

Good counsel will help us to shut up (**Proverbs 1:5, 25, 30**).

Good counsel will help us to shape up (**Proverbs 8:14**).

Good counsel will help us to stand up (**Proverbs 19:20-21**).

Good counsel will help us to speak up (**Proverbs 27:9**).

II. The Way of the Foolish = Ignore the Counsel of Others

The foolish ignore counsel because of wickedness (**Proverbs 3:32, 21:30**).

The foolish ignore counsel because of selfishness (**Proverbs 11:14, 15:22**).

The foolish ignore counsel because of deceitfulness (**Proverbs 12:5, 15, 20**).

The foolish ignore counsel because of recklessness (**Proverbs 20:5, 20:18, 24:6**).

Conclusion: Please consider the circuit breaker/surge protector illustration. 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 = “Counsel”