



# *The Way of Righteousness*

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**TEXT: Proverbs 1:7, 13:5, 29:27**

**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 third lesson, we will notice the way of righteousness. Let’s study together....

## **Discussion:**

### ***I. The Way of the Wise = Righteousness***

The wise hate wickedness.

The wise fear the Lord.

The wise pursue wisdom.

The wise follow an accurate compass.

### ***II. The Way of the Foolish = Wickedness***

The foolish hate righteousness.

The foolish fear nothing.

The foolish pursue pleasure.

The foolish follow a broken compass.

**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 = “RIGHTEOUSNESS”***