

August 24, 2025

**Be Wise**  
A STUDY  
OF PROVERBS

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*What is the one important thing you will take away from this weekend's message or our community group discussion? Is there any challenge, difficulty or praise that you would like to share with the group for prayer?*

What does God want us to hear? What are some of the more factual “takeaways” from this passage for you?



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## WHAT DOES GOD WANT US TO DO?

God tells us that Folly is calling to everyone, even those who are passing by and going straight on their way.

What decisions can you make ahead of time to make it easier to say “No” to folly when she appears?

In the beginning of Proverbs 9, Wisdom is also described as a woman. Contrast the promises of these two metaphorical women, (Wisdom and Folly), in their respective houses.

What are some modern-day examples of “stolen water” and “bread eaten in secret”?

*What does God want us to do?* What are some hypothetical, but practical, ways to apply this chapter from Proverbs?

## WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO DO?

Pastor Chris reminded us that Folly always over-promises and under-delivers. Think about a time when you gave in to the empty promises of foolishness, and were deeply disappointed by the results. Looking back, what decisions would you have made differently?

Discuss ways to cultivate wisdom and sense in your life. What are some practical steps you can take, starting this week, to build a hedge against foolishness?

Start a self-reflection journal and think of some of the ways folly is present and active in your own life. What can you do to begin to weed out some of these enticements, especially before you're right in the middle of the temptation?

*What does God want ME to do?* What is the personal application and action step God is calling you to take in the coming week?