

The Way of Wisdom: Practical Living Before God

“Wisdom In Discernment”

Selected Scripture

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It is essential that I become d i s c e r n i n g about the c h a r a c t e r of my friends and associations if I am to *live wisely* (Prov 3:21; 16:21; 18:15)

Wisdom instructs me about r e c o g n i z i n g and i n t e r a c t i n g with those who are:

- **L a z y** (Prov 10:4; 26:13-14; 21:25)
 - He won't s t a r t things (Prov 6:9-10; 20:4)
 - He won't f i n i s h things (Prov 12:27; 19:24; 26:15)
 - He *always* has an e x c u s e (Prov 22:13; 26:16; 20:4)
 - He *never* l e a r n s from experience (Prov 6:6-11; 24:30-34)
- **S i m p l e** (Prov 8:5)
 - He is n a ï v e (Prov 14:15,18;)
 - He lacks j u d g m e n t (Prov 7:7; 9:4-6)
 - He has to learn the h a r d way (Prov 1:32;19:25;22:3; 27:12)
- **F o o l i s h** (Prov 1:7; 26:3-12)
 - He *refuses* i n s t r u c t i o n (Prov 17:10; 26:3-5; 27:22)
 - He *can't* c o n t r o l his tongue (Prov 15:2;17:28;18:2; 19:1; 20:3)
 - He creates p r o b l e m s and brings s o r r o w (Prov 26:9-10; 10:1; 13:20; 17:21)
 - He *doesn't* l e a r n from his experience (Prov 26:11; 19:3)
- **M o c k e r s** (Prov 14:6)
 - He is a r r o g a n t (Prov 21:24)
 - He dislikes c o r r e c t i o n (Prov 9:7-8; 13:1; 15:12)
 - He causes t r o u b l e (Prov 21:24; 22:10; 29:8)

To think about...

Does my own character require some correction to live wisely?

Do I need to become more discerning about those people who influence how I think and live?