

Proverbs 1:8-9:18
Making life work
'The two voices'

Introduction

- 'there are two kinds of people in this world'

WHAT the choice is we all face

- two women to love (9:1-6,13-18)

- two ways to live (4:11-19)

WHY wisdom is always best

- she will save you from negative consequences

- easy money (2:12-15; 1:10-19)

- easy sex (2:16-19; 5:1-23; 6:20-7:27)

- the hidden costs (1:31; 5:11-14; 1:18; 2:18; 9:19; 14:12)

- she will bless you with positive consequences

- blessing (8:34)
 - peace (3:17)
 - honour (3:35)
 - stability (4:12)
 - favour (3:4)
 - health (3:8)
 - wealth (3:10)
 - security (1:33)
 - longevity (3:2)
 - spiritual life (3:22)
 - life (8:35)

- does wisdom promise too much?

- the type of literature
(Psa.96:12; Prov.22:6; 3:4; Lk 2:52)

- the context of the book
(15:16; 8:18-19)

- the context of Job & Ecclesiastes

- the context of the NT

HOW to stay on the right path

- make wisdom your daily goal (8:34)

- give wisdom your full attention (4:1,20; 5:1)

- devote wisdom your whole life (4:23-27; 3:6)