



Listen & Learn

Proverbs 1:20-33

The Big Idea: Opt In to Wisdom. Opt Out of foolishness.

The Bottom Line: What and who you listen to will influence what you do. Wisdom is calling.

Review:

What and **who** I listen to will influence what I do.

Last week, we talked about listening to **others**.

Next week, we'll talk about listening to **God**.

Introduction:

Today, will talk about listening to an unlikely candidate: **wisdom**.

We usually think in terms of **seeking** wise counsel, but the Bible speaks in terms of **listening** to wisdom.

wis·dom / wɪzdem

The quality of having experience, knowledge, and good judgment; the quality of being wise. What one does when one takes into account the way the world works, the unavoidable cause and effect relationships, principles, age-old insights, and the way things work out. In many cases, common sense.

Tension:

As obvious as wisdom seems, we often have such a difficult time listening to the voices of wisdom.

We've all made financial decisions, relational decisions, time decisions and academic decisions that we would never recommend to anyone else.

We make decisions that we regret. Decisions that we look back on and say, "That wasn't very smart, was it?"

Why do we do that? Solomon explains...

Truth:

Read: Proverbs 1:20-33.

Conclusion:

The promise of wisdom (Proverbs 1:33): “Whoever listens to me will live in safety and be at ease, without fear of harm.”

Jesus said it this way (Luke 7:35): “But wisdom is proved right [vindicated] by all her children.”

Application:

One of the most clarifying, penetrating questions you can ask is...

What is the wise thing to do?

Next Steps:

- Memorize Proverbs 1:33.
- Wisdom is Calling. Listen to Wisdom.
- Continually Ask: “What is the wise thing to do?”

Discussion questions for group this week:

1. **What does this teach me about God?**

2. **What does this teach me about me?**

3. How do I apply this to my life?

4. If I could ask a question about this it would be....