



KEEP CALM & WISE UP

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The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel: ² for gaining wisdom and instruction; for understanding words of insight;
Proverbs 1:1-2

- **The Question to Always Ask Before You Decide:**
“What’s the _____ thing to do?”

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.
James 1:5

¹⁵ *Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise,*
¹⁶ *making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is.* Ephesians 5:15-17

- Wisdom is more than choosing to do what’s right, it’s finding the best option for your _____ situation.

HOW PEOPLE RESPOND TO WISDOM:

²⁰ *Out in the open wisdom calls aloud, she raises her voice in the public square; ²¹ on top of the wall she cries out, at the city gate*

she makes her speech: ²² “How long will you who are simple love your simple ways? How long will mockers delight in mockery and fools hate knowledge? Proverbs 1:20-22

1. The Simple Don’t _____.

³² *For the waywardness of the simple will kill them, and the complacency of fools will destroy them; ³³ but whoever listens to me will live in safety and be at ease, without fear of harm.*
Proverbs 1:32-33; 7:6-27

2. The Fool Knows, But Doesn’t _____.

“ . . . and the complacency of fools will destroy them;”
Proverbs 1:32b

As a dog returns to its vomit, so fools repeat their folly.
Proverbs 26:11

3. The Mocker Doesn’t Care and _____ of Those Who Do.

Whoever corrects a mocker invites insults; whoever rebukes the wicked incurs abuse. ⁸ Do not rebuke mockers or they will hate you; rebuke the wise and they will love you.
Proverbs 9:7-8

4. The Seeker Pursues Wisdom and Finds _____.

¹³ *Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding, ¹⁴ for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold.* Proverbs 3:13-14

NEXT STEPS for Week One, “Choosing Wisely”:

- ☐ Ask for God’s wisdom for my decisions and choices.
- ☐ Write your email on the back of the connection card if you would like to receive the link to the daily devotional for the book of Proverbs.
- ☐ Bring someone with you for Week Two: Dealing Wisely with Anger.