



“The Good Life | How to Make Good Choices”

September 11

Discussion Questions

1. What do think makes up a “good life”? Why? What process do you normally go through to make choices?
2. Read Proverbs 8:1-12, 17. Why does the writer of Proverbs believe that wisdom (prudence) is so important? How does our culture think we acquire wisdom?
3. Why are we not naturally wise? What are the three responses we can have to the daily threats, big and small, of life and which do you tend to choose and why?
4. Jenny mentioned gifts that Jesus wants to give us to make us wise. Why or why not do you find that compelling?
5. Why or why not do you find the Anglican three-legged stool a helpful framework to choose wisely?
6. End in prayer – thanking God that Jesus accepted the foolishness of the cross so we could become wise and asking for the Holy Spirit to give you wisdom.

Proverbs 8:1-12, 17

Wisdom's Call

8 Does not wisdom call out?

Does not understanding raise her voice?

2 At the highest point along the way,
where the paths meet, she takes her stand;

3 beside the gate leading into the city,
at the entrance, she cries aloud:

4 "To you, O people, I call out;
I raise my voice to all mankind.

5 You who are simple, gain prudence;
you who are foolish, set your hearts on it.[a]

6 Listen, for I have trustworthy things to say;
I open my lips to speak what is right.

7 My mouth speaks what is true,
for my lips detest wickedness.

8 All the words of my mouth are just;
none of them is crooked or perverse.

9 To the discerning all of them are right;
they are upright to those who have found knowledge.

10 Choose my instruction instead of silver,
knowledge rather than choice gold,

11 for wisdom is more precious than rubies,
and nothing you desire can compare with her.

12 "I, wisdom, dwell together with prudence;
I possess knowledge and discretion.

13 To fear the Lord is to hate evil;
I hate pride and arrogance,
evil behavior and perverse speech.

14 Counsel and sound judgment are mine;
I have insight, I have power.

15 By me kings reign
and rulers issue decrees that are just;

16 by me princes govern,
and nobles—all who rule on earth.[b]

17 I love those who love me,
and those who seek me find me.

