

Hunger for Instruction
Proverbs 9

ARE YOU TELLING ME?!

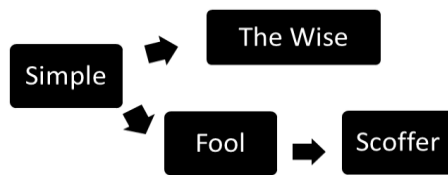
*What’s your typical reaction to instruction, especially instruction you don’t want to hear?
 What’s your usual defense mechanism when someone is trying to tell you something that causes you to churn inside?*

CHOOSE YOUR BANQUET

Every person in this room has been invited to two banquets or “get-togethers.” Read Proverbs 9. As you read, what stands out to you personally?

WISDOM’S BANQUET (vs. 1-6)	FOOL’S BANQUET (vs. 13-18)
Strategically prepared, 7 carved out pillars, beauty and strength.	No preparation, clamorous, ignorant, and arrogant
Glorious feast with all the trimmings	Stolen water and bread
Everyone invited even pursued by maidens	Everyone invited
Targeting the “simple,” urgency to the invitation	Targeting the “simple,” urgency to the invitation
Located on the highest place of the city	Located on the highest place of the city
Life and understanding is offered	Appeal to sinful instincts and destruction is offered

The four characters of Proverbs will be determined by which banquet table they decide to sit around. Do you remember the four characters and their distinguishing characteristics?



SO, HOW...

Does Chapter 9 tell you to proceed when trying to tell a hard truth to each of the four characters of Proverbs? Do you have a story of a time when your honesty backfired? A time when your honesty was received and something good happened?

Do you try to react more wisely, even when you don’t want to hear what wisdom may be telling you?