

THE PURPOSE OF PROVERBS

Proverbs are _____ designed to provoke a
_____ in those that hear them and relate them to life

- Teach wisdom
- Develop character
- Inspire obedience

"The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel: for gaining wisdom and instruction; for understanding words of insight; for receiving instruction in prudent behavior, doing what is right and just and fair; for giving prudence to those who are simple, knowledge and discretion to the young..." Proverbs 1:2-5

THE PERSONIFICATION OF WISDOM

Wisdom's message urges listeners to _____ carefully
how they will live

How many of you have ever heard your parent(s) say this?

**"You can learn this the hard way
OR
you can learn this the easy way?"**

LIFE IS FILLED WITH _____

Our choices are significantly _____ who or what gets
our attention = our eyes, our ears, our heart or our mind (thoughts)

In Proverbs 1, wisdom calls out → _____!

"Wisdom shouts in the streets. She cries out in the public square. She calls to the crowds along the main street, to those gathered in front of the city gates... Come and listen to my counsel..." (vv. 20-23)

1. Make the wrong choice and face the _____
 - Distress.
 - Disaster
 - Destruction

Proverbs calls this _____

"I called you so often, but you wouldn't come..." (v. 24)

2. Make the right choice and receive the _____

- Make you wise
- Live in peace
- Keep you safe

Proverbs calls this _____

"My child, listen when your father corrects you. Don't neglect your mother's instruction. What you learn from them will crown you with grace and be a chain of honor around your neck." (vv. 8-9)

"All who listen to me will live in peace, untroubled by fear of harm." (v. 33)

WISDOM'S POINT

**Many of the choices we make in life are ultimately choices of
_____ or _____.**

***"Our choices affect the trajectories and the destinations
of our lives."***

"For simpletons turn away from me – to death. Fools are destroyed by their own complacency. But all who listen me to will live in peace..." (vv. 32-33)

In Proverbs 1, wisdom _____ us **who not to be** and what
not to be as well as **who not to follow** and **what not to follow**

"For the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God." 1 Corinthians 3:19

ASSIGNMENT FOR THIS WEEK

- Read Proverbs 2-3
- Email george@faithpointchurch.org and share in a few words what spoke to you.