

Proverbs: Lessons in Wisdom from Solomon
Wisdom Is a Street Preacher
Proverbs 1:20-33

We have seen them on street corners with megaphones. We have seen them wearing sandwich boards on sidewalks. We have seen them sitting silently at intersections with signs that say judgment is coming. We have even seen billboards with hellfire and brimstone type messages lit up for travelers to see. We can debate the most effective ways to do evangelism, but what we can't debate is the desperate need for those who are headed for destruction to repent and believe the gospel.

Wisdom is a _____ who pleads with us to _____ and not perish.

1. Wisdom proclaims the reality of _____.
2. Wisdom proclaims the consequences of _____.
3. Wisdom proclaims the promise of _____.

We have all been foolish. At times we have failed to walk in wisdom. The good news for us is that wisdom isn't a thing to possess; Wisdom is a Person we can trust, and His name is Jesus. He will forgive our failures and enable us to be wise. He is patient, but He warns against complacency because today is the day that He offers salvation.

Reflection

Have you ever encountered a hellfire and brimstone preacher? How did you receive his message? Do you think it is strange that Proverbs presents wisdom this way? Why do you think Solomon chose to personify Wisdom? Solomon warns about the complacency of foolishness. Are there things in your life that should be urgent? How can you begin overcoming complacency towards those things?