

Bedford Street Church of Christ ^^^ LBC
Are You Being Wise or Are You Being Foolish?
Summary Handout #2a ~ From the Previous Study
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I am backtracking to provide Summary Notes for Chapter 2. These notes are NOT exhaustive but meant to provide a summary. Summary notes will not be provided for each chapter studied.

Chapter 2 has 1 speech from Solomon to his son. This is speech #2.

Repeating words or themes in this chapter:

If/and/then, fear of the Lord, wisdom, right, just, and fair, discretion

Protection language – v7 shield, v8,11 guards & protects,

Pathway language – v9 good path, v13 leave straight paths, walk in dark ways, v15 paths are crooked, v18 house leads down to..., her paths to the spirits of the dead v19 won't make it to the paths of life, v 20 walk in the ways of good men, paths of righteousness.

Death and destruction language is all throughout the chapter as well. See if you can spot it and determine why it is there.

1 Speech found in 2:1-22

Exhortation:

- Accept my words, store up my commands, turn your ear to wisdom, apply your heart, call out for insight, cry out for understanding, look for it like silver, search for it like treasure THEN you will come to know what it means to fear the Lord

Lessons:

- The LORD is the giver of wisdom. *Note:* don't get too caught up in the wisdom being personified as a lady.
- When we choose to walk in wisdom there are protections that come with that decision: victory, shields, guarding, protection, discretion and understanding v6-11.
- Embracing wisdom protects you from bad people; people who enjoy sinning.

- There are women in the world who want to seduce you and lead you to their house. She uses sexy, flattering words. She is cheating on her husband to spend catch you in her trap.
- Her pathway is leading to the grave. Don't get trapped. You won't find the good life chasing after this woman.
- DON'T BE THAT WOMAN.

Conclusion:

- You can choose a different pathway to get on-the path good people get on.
- This path is called a righteous path. It is a pathway of security (living in the land) v21. You can live life to the fullest when you are on wisdom's pathway.
- If you don't choose the wisdom's righteous pathway you will be choosing the wicked person's path. There is no security on this pathway and you will be destroyed v22.

Other important points may have resonated with you as you read the chapter or as you sat in the class and were a part of the discussion. Write them down in this section of the handout or even on the back side. Writing you own personal thoughts on what stood out to you is a great way to lock in valuable insight from each chapter.

Your Memory Verse: 2:6 "For the Lord gives wisdom; and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding."