

# The Wise Choice

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Everyday Wisdom | Proverbs 9:1-18





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Carpenter*



Which of these U.S. Presidents appeared on the television series "Laugh-In"?

• **A:** Lyndon Johnson

• **B:** Richard Nixon

• **C:** Jimmy Carter

• **D:** Gerald Ford

# Which path will you take?

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A) The way of wisdom

B) The way of folly

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**Proverbs 9:10**

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,  
and knowledge of the Holy One is  
understanding. (NIV)

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  - c. Wisdom is teachable.

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- a. Folly is naive.
- b. Folly is lazy.
- c. Folly is greedy and deceptive.

You have to choose  
one way or the other.

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Way of Wisdom	Way of Folly
Tree of Life	Tree of the knowledge of good and evil
Abel (Seth)	Cain
Abraham/Isaac/Jacob	Lot/Ishmael/Esau
Israel	Egypt, Canaan, Babylon
King David	Saul, Absalom
Jesus Christ	Self/world
Narrow gate	Wide gate
The lamb	The dragon
God	Satan
New heavens and new earth	Hell

Above all else, guard your heart,  
for everything you do flows from it.

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Proverbs 4:23 (NIV)



*Choose the way of  
wisdom. Choose Christ.*

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