

#32Chapters

Chapter 9 - "Want A Cookie?"

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Last week...

God wants to give you joy. Let him.

This week's main point(s).

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Chapter Outline

The 18 verses of chapter three are broken into 3 sections.

- Invitation A
- Wrestlemania
- Invitation B

"Torn between two lovers, feeling like a fool. Loving both of you is breaking all the rules."

The passion of erotic or romantic love is powerful because it focuses energy.

"When a man loves a woman, he can't keep his mind on nothing else..." What happens when a man loves God? What happens when a man loves wisdom?

In this chapter you have before you two women, two banquets, two choices.

Wilma Wisdom Proverbs 9:1-6	Fantasia Folly Proverbs 9:13-18
Key Clientel: The Simple	Key Clientel: The Simple
Calling from the "highest" places	Calling from the "highest" places
7 Pillared Home	A house
A "set" table	No table
Mixed Wine	Wine
Meat	"Stolen" water
Bread	"Secret" Bread
LIFE	DEATH

Both women offer a life changing experience. But both offer radically different changes.

Wilma is more thoughtful and deliberate. She has built a strong house. Her house is built to last. It's built to be lived in. Wilma Wisdom's house is a house of life. Look at the level of preparation....the "set" table, the "mixed" wine, the meat, the bread. It's clear she had high regard for her guests

Fantasia's house is just that, a house not a home. Her house is full of secrets. Her house is a gateway to death. She invites you into a life of secrets and deception. Fantasia is ignorant. She doesn't even realize that her house is a death chamber. Unlike Wilma her agenda is selfishness. You live and die in the moment. Wilma on the other hand wants abundant life for you.

Wrestlemania!

We are not wrestling against flesh and blood. It's not a fair fight. It's fixed. The battle is not yours it's the Lords because he's the only one qualified to fight this kind of opponent.

But there's more. When you wrestle anything or anyone, you have to hold on to the very thing that's trying to hold you. That is the exact opposite of what you really truly want. The last thing you want is to hold on to that which is detrimental to you.

We don't hold on to things that don't have value. No one washes paper plates. No one puts paper towels in the washing machine so they can use them again.

By holding on to things we imply and impute value. So when you wrestle and hold on to certain desires you actually give them more value, way more than they deserve, especially when they are designed to kill you.

The bottom line of wrestling is submission; to hold you until you give up. To keep you down for the count.

The only one who should have a submission hold on you is the Lord and it's a loving joyful hold.

The Conclusion

Stop wrestling. Rest.

Choose: to decide on a course of action, typically after rejecting alternatives.

Serving God is a choice. Surrender is a choice.

Proverbs seeks to give you clarity. It draws sharp lines of distinction so you will be clear about the decisions you are making.

You are what you are and who you are because of the choices you've made and continue to make.

How do you make big decisions? What is your process? Is it thorough, rational or is it driven by irrationality and emotion?

Have you truly chosen wisdom?

Have you chosen God?

The Challenge

What's God's counter play for your situation?

Grow. Help others grow. Be Encouraged.

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