## "The Art of Skillful Living – Week 3"

Proverbs 1:20-33 Pastor Jim Oakley – July 14, 2019

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We must respond to wisdom's call while we have a chance.

1) Wisdom calls to all (v. 20-23)

2) Wisdom rejected (v. 24-27)

3) Wisdom's response (v. 28-33)

Read Ahead for Next week: Proverbs 2:16-19, (5:1-23, 6:24-29, 7:1-27 extra credit)

## **Discussion Questions**

ICEBREAKER: What one piece of wisdom do you wish you listened to but were too late?

- 1) What is significant about wisdom crying out in the street?
- 2) Identify the three groups in verse 22.
- 3) What is their response to wisdom calling out?
- 4) Give some examples of how people have these attitudes today.
- 5) What images are given for the consequence of not heeding wisdom's call (vs. 26-27, 31-32)?
- 6) What connections can you see with the consequences from last week's passage (1:8-19)?
- 7) Compare God's response in Micah 3:4 with wisdom's response to rejection by fools, mockers, the simple, and sinners.
- 8) When is it too late to respond positively to wisdom's call?
- 9) God gives us many chances to choose the wise way, so how should we treat one another?
- 10) Read Proverbs 3:13-20. What does this tell you about the value of wisdom and our response?
- 11) What are the benefits of listening to wisdom according to verse 33?
- 12) Where do you need wisdom in your life?
- 13) How can we pray for you this week?