

Proverbs 1:22 NLT

How long, you simpletons, will you insist on being simpleminded? How long will you mockers relish your mocking?  
How long will you fools hate knowledge?

## The simple don't know and haven't learned from experience

Proverbs 8:1-5 NLT

Listen as Wisdom calls out! Hear as understanding raises her voice! On the hilltop along the road, she takes her stand at the crossroads. By the gates at the entrance to the town, on the road leading in, she cries aloud, "I call to you, to all of you! I raise my voice to all people. You simple people, use good judgment..."

If we stay simple we remain vulnerable

Proverbs 22:3 HCSB

A sensible person sees danger and takes cover, but the inexperienced keep going and are punished.

If we stay simple we remain gullible

Proverbs 14:15 NLT

Only simpletons believe everything they're told! The prudent carefully consider their steps.

If we stay simple we remain ignorant

Proverbs 14:18 NIV

The simple inherit folly, but the prudent are crowned with knowledge.

Proverbs 8:12-14,17-21,32-35 NLT

...I, Wisdom, live together with **good judgment**. I know where to discover **knowledge** and **discernment**. All who fear the Lord will hate evil. Therefore, I hate pride and arrogance, corruption and perverse speech. **Common sense** and **success** belong to me. **Insight** and **strength** are mine...

...I love all who love me. Those who search will surely find me. I have **riches** and **honor**, as well as **enduring wealth** and **justice**. My gifts are better than gold, even the purest gold, my wages better than sterling silver! I walk in righteousness, in paths of justice. Those who love me inherit wealth. I will fill their treasuries...

...And so, my children, listen to me, for all who follow my ways are **joyful**. Listen to my instruction and be wise. Don't ignore it. Joyful are those who listen to me, watching for me daily at my gates, waiting for me outside my home! For whoever finds me finds **life** and receives **favor** from the Lord.

\*\*\*Response\*\*\*

Today I choose to pursue the path of wisdom!