



Two different ladies are throwing parties in their homes at the same time and they've invited the same people to their parties. Let's see who these ladies are, what they're going to serve and who they've invited.

READ PROVERBS 9: 1 - 18

The two party-givers are Lady Wisdom (v 1) and Lady Folly who's the mother of all fools (v 13).

Who have they both invited to their parties (vs 4, 16)? _____

Lady Wisdom has not only built a spacious house that's just right for a party, she's perfectly organised with food and drinks carefully prepared and nicely laid out (vs 1-2). She wants every simple person to have the opportunity to come to her party and learn how to live life to the full with wisdom and understanding (vs 5-6), so she not only sends her maids out with invitations, she herself calls on them to come (vs 3-4). Lady Folly, on the other hand, knows only how to talk big (v 13a). She's clueless about what's right and what's not and probably couldn't care less either. Totally disorganised, she sits on her doorway, yelling to the simple to come to her party (vs 14-16). And what has she got to offer? Food pinched from who knows where (v 17)! And she uses that stolen food as the star attraction for the simple-minded to come to her. Having spent time with her, they would most probably end up like the mocker in verses 7-8a, 12b. With a closed mind that refuses to be corrected, they can expect to suffer for their foolishness (v 12b). At Lady Wisdom's party, not only will her guests have a good time, they'll learn how she got to be so wise (v 10). Then, they will, like the wise men in verses 8b-9, be open to instruction, correction and learning. As a result, they will be rewarded with a full and meaningful life (vs 11-12a).

What the simple-minded learned at Lady Wisdom's party

***"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." ~ Proverbs 9: 10
Only when we know God and honour Him can we hope to acquire wisdom which can guide us for the whole of life. Memorise the above proverb and make it your motto.***