

***The Wise Person's
Guide to Meeting
Life's Deadlines***

Proverbs 1:20-33

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**1. The deadline for
enjoying your youth**

Ecclesiastes 11:9 (CSB) -

Rejoice, young person, while you are young, and let your heart be glad in the days of your youth. And walk in the ways of your heart and in the

***desire of your eyes; but know
that for all of these things God
will bring you to judgment.***

2. The deadline for getting your education

**Proverbs 15:14 (CSB) - A
*discerning mind seeks
knowledge.***

Proverbs 23:12 (CSB) - *Apply yourself to discipline and listen to words of knowledge.*

**3. The deadline for
instilling character and
faith in your children**

Proverbs 4:3–4 (CSB) - *When I was a son with my father, tender and precious to my mother, ⁴he taught me and said: “Your heart must hold on to my words. Keep my commands and live.”*

Proverbs 22:6 (ESV) - *Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.*

4. The deadline of maintaining your health

Proverbs 5:11–12 (CSB) - *At the end of your life, you will lament when your physical body has been consumed,¹² and you will say, “How I hated discipline, and how my heart despised correction.”*

5. The deadline for coming to salvation

- **Wisdom's Invitation: the door is opened**

**Prov. 1:20-23, 33 – *Wisdom
cries aloud in the street, in the
markets she raises her voice;
21 at the head of the noisy
streets she cries out; at the
entrance of the city gates she
speaks:***

***22“How long, O simple ones,
will you love being simple?
How long will scoffers delight
in their scoffing and fools hate
knowledge? ... 23If you turn at
my reproof, behold, I will pour***

***out my spirit to you; I will make
my words known to you.”***

- **Wisdom's Provocation:
the door is ignored**

Prov. 1:24-25, 29-30 – “*Because I have called and you refused to listen, have stretched out my hand and no one has heeded, ²⁵because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, ...*”

***29 Because they hated
knowledge and did not choose
the fear of the LORD, 30 would
have none of my counsel and
despised all my reproof.”***

- **Wisdom's Indignation:
the door is closed**

**Prov. 1:26-28, 31-32 – “I also
will laugh at your calamity; I
will mock when terror strikes
you, ²⁷when terror strikes you
like a storm and your calamity
comes like a whirlwind, when**

distress and anguish come upon you. ²⁸Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently but will not find me. ... ³¹therefore they shall eat the fruit of their

way, and have their fill of their own devices. ³²For the simple are killed by their turning away, and the complacency of fools destroys them.”

Hebrews 6:4–6 (CSB) - *For it is impossible to renew to repentance those who were once enlightened, who tasted the heavenly gift, who shared in the Holy Spirit, ⁵who tasted*

God's good word and the powers of the coming age,⁶ and who have fallen away. This is because, to their own harm, they are recrucifying the Son of God and holding him up to contempt.