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<u>Wisdom</u>	<u>Folly</u>

2. What is the ultimate end of those who consistently choose folly (v. 18)? What does that stern warning mean to you as a Christian teen?

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