

## WisDumb, Part 4 Justice and Equity

[ Seven columns in the house of Wisdom ] – Proverbs 9:1 / Proverbs 1:2-4

1. Knowledge
2. Understanding
3. Judgment
4. Justice
5. Equity
6. Discretion
7. Subtlety

3. Judgment – John 7:24 “Judge not according to appearance, but judge righteous judgment.”

- To evaluate
- To render an opinion
- To discern, determine, or decide

4. Justice (twin sister to judgment) “Righteous execution of judgment”

- Non-biased judgment
- Showing no favoritism
- Holding all to the same standard or rule
- Impartial judgment

Example: Lady Justice (blindfolded / sword / scales)

1. Blindfolded = she is not blind, BUT chooses to judge not based on sight or appearance, but rather on law and truth.

- Blind justice is impartial.
- Color blind / gender neutral / amaurotic to class structure

“Justice is or should be meted out objectively without fear of favor, regardless of identity, personal wealth, power, or weakness.”

2. Sword (two-edged) = a symbol of power, protection, authority, and might

- It reminds us that it can be for or against us in judgment
- It also reminds us of the need for punishment (consequences) in a civil society.

Romans 13:4 (KJV) “For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid: for he beareth not the sword in vain , for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.”

3. Scales = the balance of the individual against the needs of society and a fair balance between the interest of one individual and those of another (equity).

Example 1: “While it is true that the civil rights of all citizens must be protected in a free society, the rights and protection of law enforcement must be guarded, as well.”

Example 2: “A woman’s rights do not usurp the human rights of the unborn (where is justice for the weakest and most innocent among us?)”

- Planned Parenthood ? Margaret Sanger (founder)
- Partial birth abortions (selling baby body parts)
- Federal funding?

Proverbs 28:4-5 (KJV) (NLT)

- Those who forsake God’s Word PRAISE the wicked.
- Those who keep it CONTEND with them.
- Evil men do not understand judgment and justice.
- Those who seek God understand completely.

Psalms 82:1-8 (KJV)

- “Justice disallows the powerful to abuse the powerless or the strong to abuse the weak.”
- Defend the poor, needy, fatherless (abortion)
- Do what is right!!

Vs. 6 “I have said, You are gods; children of the Most High.”

Where? Vs. 1 – (Exodus 22:9, 28)

John 10:34 Jesus referred to this passage

- gods (little “g”) authority in the earth  
Rulership / stewardship / partnership with God

Genesis 18:18-19 (KJV) Abraham

II Samuel 8:15 (KJV) David – “And David reigned over all of Israel and David executed judgment and justice unto all the people.”

(Psalms 89:14-16 / Proverbs 21:3 / Isaiah 56:1)

5. Equity (Big sister to judgment and justice)

- The quality of being fair or impartial
- Fair, reasonable, honest, uprightness
- Moral character and integrity

“While judgment and justice is what we do, equity is how we do it.”

Equity deals with who we are

“The equitable treatment of others”

“He was equitable in the final decision, pleasing both parties.”

Adherence of moral and ethical principles

Equity is honest / fair / righteous and just in judgment and justice

Isaiah 59:9-15 (KJV)

The righteous are the persecuted, prosecuted and executed when those columns are removed from society.