

The Power of Wisdom and the Danger of Folly

#11 The Quest

Ecclesiastes 9:13-10:20

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Reflection questions

Monday: Read Eccl 9:13-10:20. Identify the main theme by noting key words and concepts. Consider the overall theme of Ecclesiastes and the passages before and after the text.

Tuesday: Read Eccl 9:13-10:20 and identify the five characters the author uses to make his points (9:13-18; 10:1-3; 10:8-11; 10:4,12-14; 10:5-7). Hint: the first one is a poor/wise man.

Wednesday: Read Eccl 9:13-18. What does this teach about wisdom compared to strength? Read Eccl 10:1-3. What does the fly teach you about the danger of a little foolishness?

Thursday: Read Eccl 10:8-11. What are four common accidents that a wise person should prepare for and a fool ignores?

Friday: Read Eccl 10:4,12-14. What are the lessons learned about the tongue? How can you apply this?

Saturday: Read Eccl 10:5-7. Note the extremes of valuing experience even if attached to a foolish leader or cursing the king. How does clinging to Jesus and facing the reality of our fallen world help you live wisely? Pray for your church family and bring a friend to church with you Sunday!