

Ecclesiastes 10-11

Wisdom vs. Foolishness
Hard Work vs. Laziness

Ecclesiastes: An Overview

- The Problem (1:1-11)
- The Quest (1:12- 3:13)
- Objections (3:14- 7:29)
- Practical Advice (8:1- 11:10)
- Conclusion (12:1-14)

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Ecclesiastes: K. Davis's Outline

- I. Can I find meaning in life?
- II. How can I find meaning in life?
- III. In light of this, what can I do?
 - A. Take advantage of wisdom for a successful life (ch.10).
 - B. Work hard instead of standing around trying to figure out what you don't understand (ch.11).

Eccl. 10: Wisdom vs. Foolishness

- General effects of each (10:1)
- Heart of each (10:2)
- Character of each as seen by others (10:3-7)
- Work (10:8-10, 15)
- Words (10:11-14)
- On a national level (10:16-17)
- In your home (10:18-20)

Ecclesiastes 11

- Work hard now (11:1-2).
- Don't waste time on things you don't understand (11:3-5).
- "Make hay while the sun shines" (11:6-7).
- Prepare for the future (11:8-10).

Ecclesiastes 10:1



Dead flies cause a stink.

Fool vs. Wise

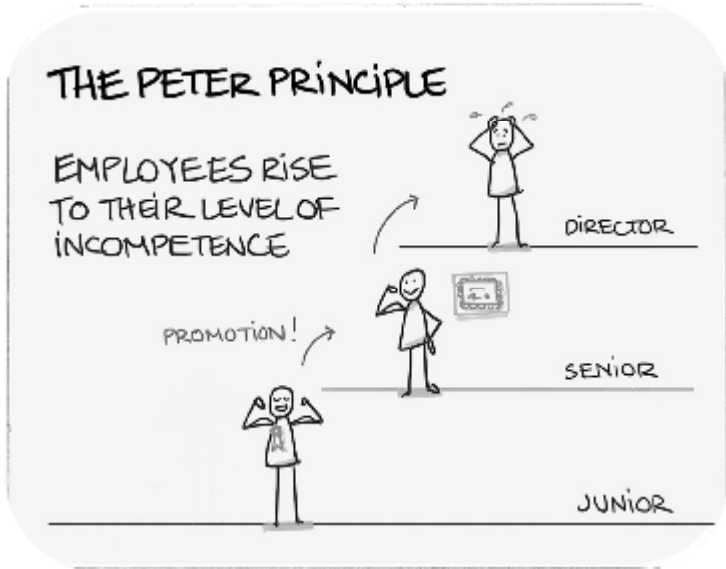
- "Fool" = Heb. *kesîyl* (one with no skill in living, no desire to learn God's truth; lazy, dull, fat, unmotivated, stubborn, insensitive, worldly)
- "Wise" = Heb. *hâkâm* (one with moral skill and mental discernment who lives according to God's moral standards)

Proverbs 15:1

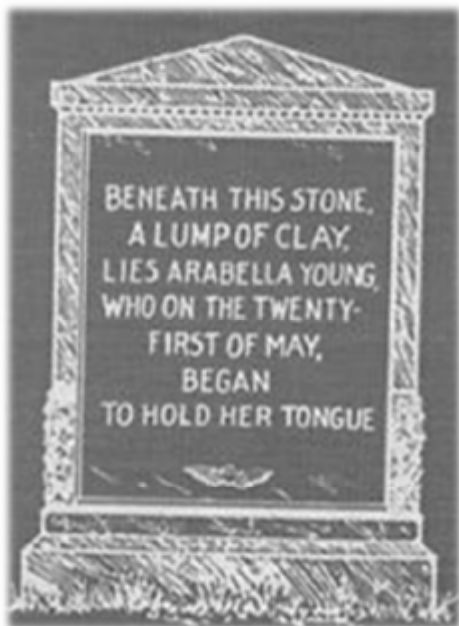
A gentle answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger.

Proverbs 29:11

A fool always loses his temper, But a wise man holds it back.



The Importance of Advance Preparation



Isaiah 35

8 A highway will be there, a roadway,
And it will be called the Highway of
Holiness. The unclean will not travel on
it, But it will be for the one who walks
that way, And fools will not wander on it.

9 No lion will be there, Nor will any
vicious animal go up on it; They will not
be found there. But the redeemed will
walk there.

Because of laziness the roof caves in.



"Hey Alexa"



"Hey Siri"



"Hey Google"



Don't put all your eggs in one basket.



Just as you do not know how the breath of life enters the fetus in the womb . . . (11:5)



How Do We Get Wisdom?

1. As a gift (1 Kings 4:29; Eccl. 2:26)
2. By living long—usually (Job 12:12)
3. By being taught it (Ps. 105:22)
4. By living an obedient, upright life (Prov. 2:7)
5. By searching eagerly for it, valuing it, and desiring it (Prov. 2:2-5; 4:5-9; 8:17)

How Do We Get Wisdom?

6. By fearing God (Ps. 111:10; Prov. 9:10)
7. By the rod and reproof (Prov. 29:15)
8. Through the Scriptures (Ps. 19:7)
9. It accompanies righteousness (Prov. 10:31).
10. It accompanies humility (Prov. 11:2).

How Do We Get Wisdom?

11. It accompanies a teachable spirit
(Prov. 13:10).
12. Wisdom to cope with trials?
By asking God for it (James 1:5)