

## SERMON NOTES

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**Date:** September 8, 2019

**Title:** Wisdom and Folly Under the Sun

**Text:** Ecclesiastes 9:13-10:20

**Big Idea:** A little wisdom is better than folly, but a little folly can make even the wise look foolish.

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# APPLICATION GUIDE

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## REVIEW THE TEXT

Read Ecclesiastes 9:13-10:20. Why is a little bit of divine wisdom better than the folly of human strength in a crisis (9:13-18)?

Why can a little bit of foolishness sometimes cancel out the blessings of godly wisdom (10:1)?

## APPLY THE TRUTH

Describe a situation where you need godly wisdom. How can you be more reliant on God to get the wisdom that that is required?

Have you had an experience where one small mistake destroyed a tremendous amount of good work? What happened? What lessons did you learn?

Write out potential consequences in your life if you make the following foolish choices:

- One envious thought could \_\_\_\_\_
- One lustful look could \_\_\_\_\_
- One careless word could \_\_\_\_\_
- One angry outburst could \_\_\_\_\_
- One little lie could \_\_\_\_\_
- One day of procrastination could \_\_\_\_\_
- One (fill in the blank) \_\_\_\_\_ could \_\_\_\_\_

How should the lordship of Christ make you a wise leader, as well as guide the way you respond to foolish leaders in authority over you (10:4-7, 16-17)?

Think of three examples in your life where either impatience or laziness would significantly affect the quality of your work at home, place of employment, church, or school (10:8-11; 18-19)?

Have you ever said something foolish that you regret (10:12-15, 20)? What were the consequences? How can you teach your mouth to speak wisely next time (cf. Pr. 16:22-23)?

## COMMIT THIS WEEK

Read Proverbs 2 and meditate on the value of wisdom. Note the if/then statements in this chapter.