ECCLESIASTES

Enjoy Life and Fear God

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Ecclesiastes 9:13-10:20

THE PATH OF A FOOL

A FOOL DESPISES WISDOM — 9:13-18a

- A fool does not respect or reward wisdom that is humbly given.
- A fool does not recognize that wisdom is better than might.
- A fool is impressed with outer appearances more than inner wisdom.
- A fool rejects any wisdom that does not agree with his own opinions.

Choose to listen well to those who walk _____ with the Lord.

A FOOL SABOTAGES WISDOM — 9:18b-10:1

- A fool's behavior and words diminish the goodness of Godly wisdom.
- A fool has the potential to destroy our walk with God.

Keep your feet firmly planted *on God's path through* _____ *relationships.*

A FOOL DISPLAYS NO WISDOM — 10:2-11,15

- A fool walks through life without God's protection and without God's direction.
- A fool's bad decisions bring chaos to those around him.
- A fool is impatient and unprepared to succeed in daily tasks.

Obey the words of God to _____ the wisdom of God.

A FOOL SPEAKS NO WISDOM — 10:12-14

- A fool's continuous wicked words lead to his own destruction.
- A fool arrogantly talks about issues he knows nothing about.

Choose your words _____ to be a blessing to others.

A FOOL DESIRES NO WISDOM — 10:16-20

- A fool that is undisciplined brings ruin to those he leads.
- A fool seeks pleasure at the expense of others.

To be an effective leader, work hard at meeting the _____ of others.

WOMEN IN THE WORD

Key: humbly, wise, reflect, carefully, needs

Proverbs 14:12
There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.

Matthew 7:13-14
Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

Proverbs 18:2
A fool takes no pleasure in understanding, but only in expressing his opinion.

Proverbs 1:7
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 13:20
Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.

Romans 16:17-18
I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them. For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive.

Proverbs 10:9
Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but he who makes his ways crooked will be found out.

Proverbs 21:5
The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to poverty.

Proverbs 10:14
The wise lay up knowledge, but the mouth of a fool brings ruin near.

Proverbs 3:5-7
Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.