

ECCLESIASTES WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

“The Wisdom of Wisdom”

Ecclesiastes 10





WORLDLY WISDOM

Ecclesiastes 9:13-18

This is what I also observed about wisdom on earth, and it is a great burden to me: There was once a small city with a few men in it, and a mighty king attacked it, besieging it and building strong siege works against it. However, a poor but wise man lived in the city, and he could have delivered the city by his wisdom, but no one listened to that poor man. So I concluded that wisdom is better than might, but a poor man's wisdom is despised; no one ever listens to his advice. The words of the wise are heard in quiet, more than the shouting of a ruler is heard among fools. Wisdom is better than weapons of war, but one sinner can destroy much that is good.

Ecclesiastes 9:13-18

Not until we have become humble and teachable, standing in awe of God's holiness and sovereignty. acknowledging our own littleness, distrusting our own thoughts, and willing to have our minds turned upside down, can divine wisdom become ours. -JJ Packer



Proverbs 3:13-18



WISE IN THEIR OWN EYES

Ecclesiastes 10:1-20

One dead fly makes the perfumer's ointment give off a rancid stench, so a little folly can outweigh much wisdom. A wise person's good sense protects him, but a fool's lack of sense leaves him vulnerable.

Ecclesiastes 10:1-2



One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much.

Luke 16:10

**Even when a
fool walks along
the road he
lacks sense and
shows everyone
what a fool he is.**

Ecclesiastes 10:3



**Look carefully then how you walk, not
as unwise but as wise, making the
best use of the time . . .**

Ephesians 5:15

If the anger of the ruler flares up against you, do not resign from your position, for a calm response can undo great offenses.

Ecclesiastes 10:4

STAY CALM



let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

James 1:19-20

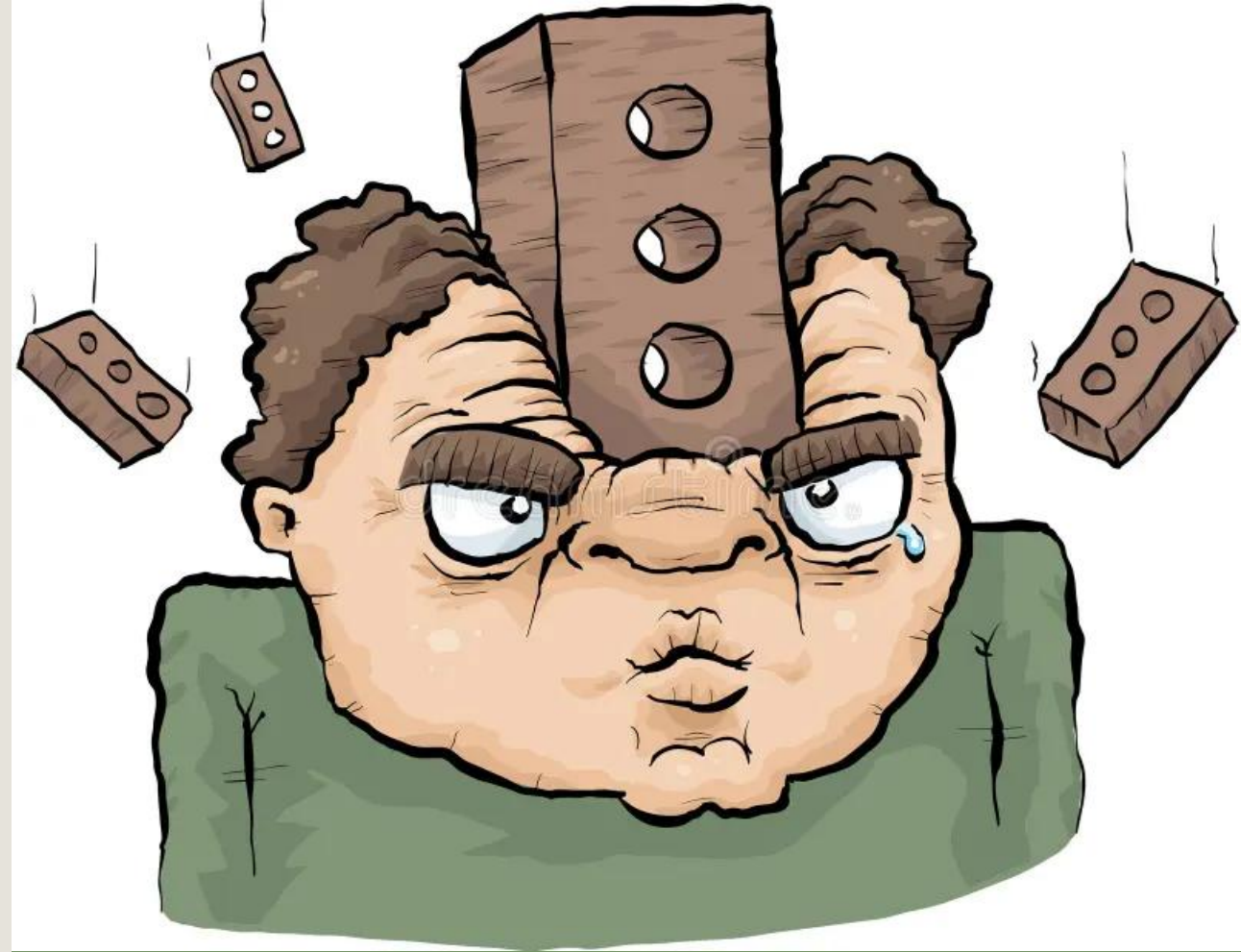
**I have seen another
misfortune on the earth:
It is an error a ruler
makes. Fools are placed
in many positions of
authority, while wealthy
men sit in lowly
positions. I have seen
slaves on horseback and
princes walking on foot
like slaves.**

Ecclesiastes 10:5-7



**Yet among the mature we do
impart wisdom, although it is not
a wisdom of this age or of the
rulers of this age
1 Corinthians 2:6**

One who digs a pit may fall into it, and one who breaks through a wall may be bitten by a snake. One who quarries stones may be injured by them; one who splits logs may be endangered by them. If an iron axehead is blunt and a workman does not sharpen its edge, he must exert a great deal of effort; so wisdom has the advantage of giving success
Ecclesiastes 10:8-10



Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.
Matthew 7:24

**If the snake
should bite
before it is
charmed,
the snake
charmer is in
trouble.**

Ecclesiastes 10:11

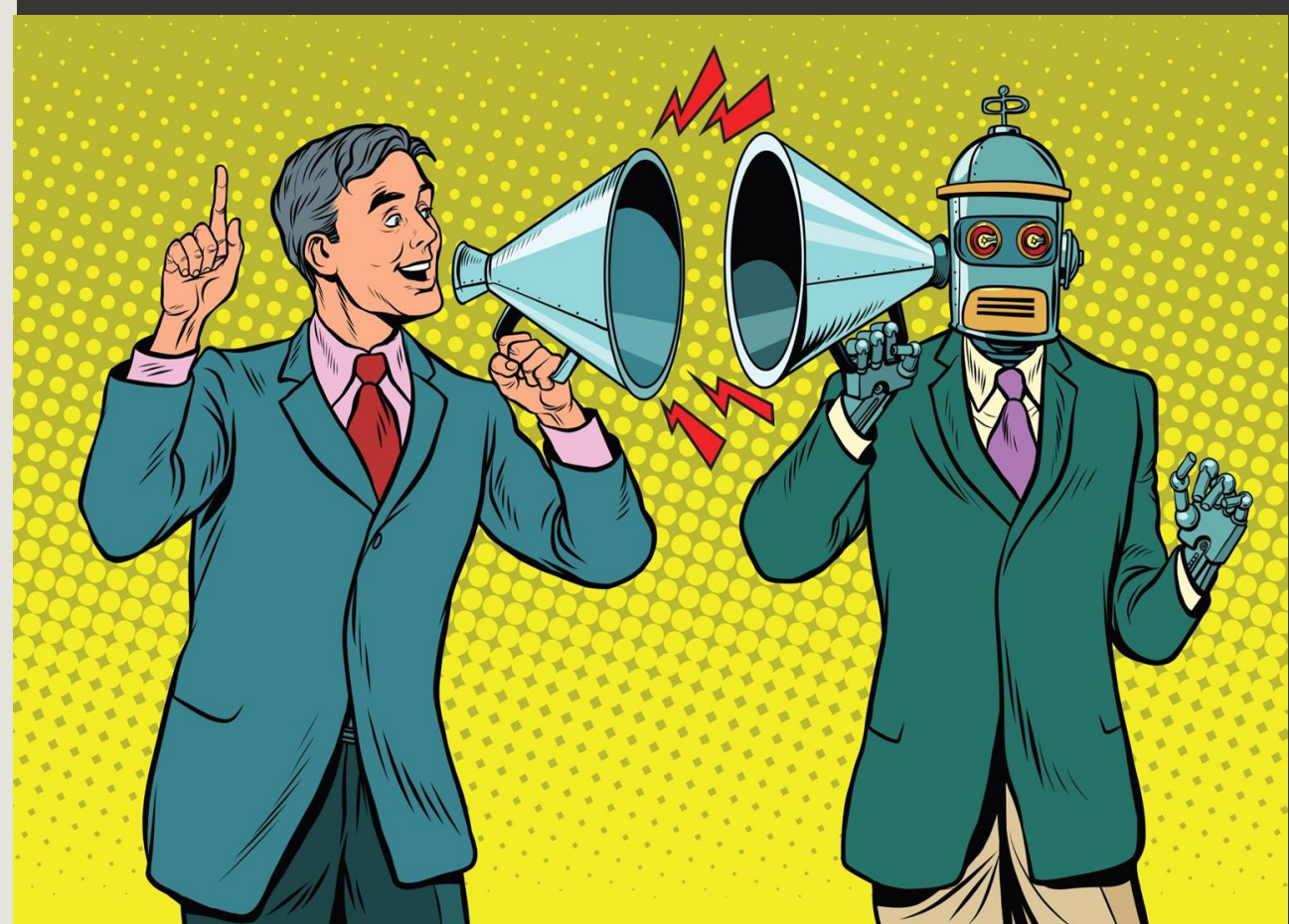


**Listen to advice and accept
instruction, that you may
gain wisdom in the future.**

Proverbs 19:20

The words of a wise person win him favor, but the words of a fool are self-destructive. At the beginning his words are foolish and at the end his talk is wicked madness, yet a fool keeps on babbling.

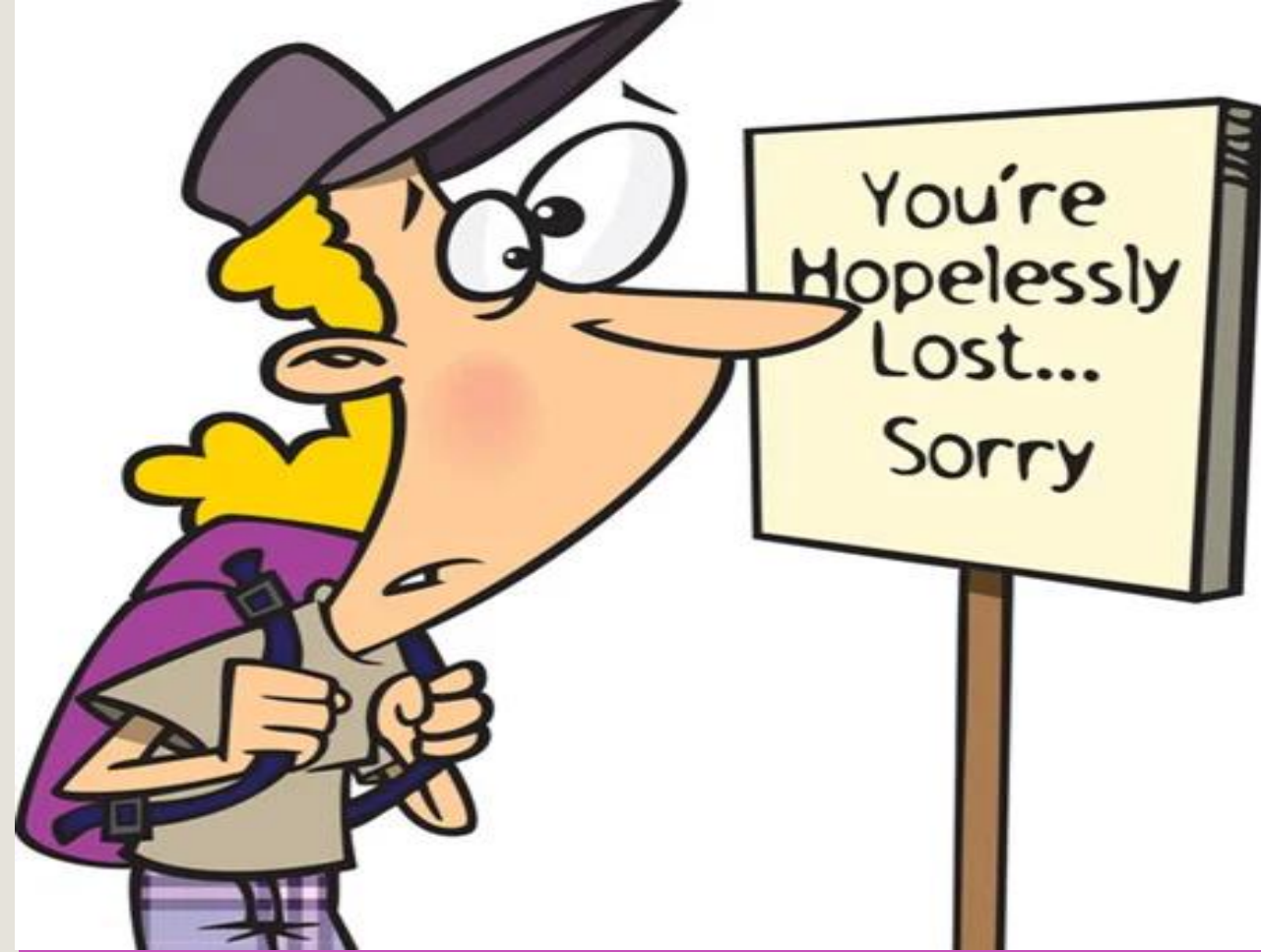
Ecclesiastes 10:12-14



Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person. Colossians 4:5-6

**No one knows what
will happen; who
can tell him what will
happen in the
future? The toil of a
stupid fool wears
him out, because he
does not even know
the way to the city.**

Ecclesiastes 10:14-15



**The way of a fool is right
in his own eyes, but a wise
man listens to advice.**

Proverbs 12:15

**Woe to you, O land, when
your king is childish and
your princes feast in the
morning. Blessed are
you, O land, when your
king is the son of
nobility, and your princes
feast at the proper time—
with self-control and not
in drunkenness.**

Ecclesiastes 10:16-17



**See to it that no one takes you captive
by philosophy and empty deceit,
according to human tradition, according
to the elemental spirits of the world, and
not according to Christ.**

Colossians 2:8

**Because of
laziness the
roof caves in,
and because of
idle hands the
house leaks.**

Ecclesiastes 10:18



**Who is wise and understanding
among you? By his good conduct
he should show his works done in
the gentleness that wisdom brings**

James 3:13

**Feasts are made
for laughter,
and wine makes
life merry, but
money is the
answer for
everything.**

Ecclesiastes 10:19



**So teach us to number our
days that we may get a
heart of wisdom.**

Psalms 90:12

**Do not curse a king
even in your
thoughts, and do
not curse the rich
while in your
bedroom; for a bird
might report what
you are thinking**

Ecclesiastes 10:20



**A fool gives full vent to his
spirit, but a wise man
quietly holds it back.**

Proverbs 29:11



WISDOM FROM ABOVE

Ask for It



**If any of you lacks wisdom, let
him ask God, who gives
generously to all without
reproach, and it will be given him
James 1:5**

Listen For It



1 Kings 19

Recognize It



**But the wisdom from above is
first pure, then peaceable,
gentle, accommodating, full of
mercy and good fruit, impartial,
and not hypocritical.**

James 3:17