Text: Ecclesiastes 10:1-20

Topics: Foolishness, Leadership, Wisdom Series: Ecclesiastes: Words to the Wise

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## Wisdom & Foolishness Applied

## I. Positions & Power (1-7)

Foolishness in positions of power cause problems.

## II. Work & Words (8-15)

The wise are successful in their work.

The foolish are *lost* in their words.

## III. Leadership & Laziness (11-18)

A wise leader is <u>disciplined</u> and a <u>blessing</u> to many.

A foolish leader is <u>lazy</u>, and a <u>burden</u> to many.

Embrace wisdom and shun foolishness!

<u>Application Questions</u> - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.

1. Compare what Solomon writes about wise & foolish people in Ecclesiastes 4:13; 7:12, 19; 9:15-18; and 10:5-7, 16-17. What is being taught?

What action step do these verses encourage you to take?

2. What was the folly of each of the following kings? Solomon (1 Kings 11:1-10)

Rehoboam (1 Kings 12:1-16)

Hezekiah (2 Kings 20:12-20)

Jehoshaphat (2 Chronicles 18:1-19:2)

Are any of these follies an example of an area of temptation, weakness, or failure in the past for you? Explain.

3. What do each of the following New Testament verses teach us about wisdom and foolishness?

1 Corinthians 14:20

Ephesians 5:15-17

Colossians 4:5

James 1:5; 3:17

Would you like, or need, to grow in any of these areas? Explain

4. What is the main application of this study, and/or the sermon and its passages, for you?