

Ecclesiastes

The Search for Meaning

Profile of a Fool

Ecclesiastes 9:11-10:20

1. Wisdom is _____ but viewed as _____. (9:13-17)

2. Wisdom is _____ to folly. (9:18-10:1)

3. Fools play a _____ role in our everyday lives. (10:2-20)

A. Fools are easy to _____.

B. Fools live in a perpetual state of _____.

4. Wisdom is still _____ to unexpected evil. (9:11-12)

My Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

- 1) Write a definition of a “fool.” See Ecclesiastes 10 and Psalm 14:1 for help. What are the key characteristics of a fool?
- 2) Naturally, when we see someone in a high position, it is normal to assume that they are wise. What does Solomon say about that? See 10:5-7; 16-19.
- 3) Based on the story in Ecclesiastes 9:13-18 and your personal experience, when do people tend to listen to wisdom? How should this enlighten our evangelism?
- 4) In our human experience, it appears that the “race is to the swift” and the “battle is to the strong.” How can Solomon say otherwise?

Memory Verse
Ecclesiastes 9:18

“Wisdom is better than weapons of war, but one sinner destroys much good.”