

Sermon Discussion Guide The Wisdom of Life – Ecclesiastes 9:13–10:20

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Why do you think we often ignore wisdom?

Have you ever seen folly destroy something that took wisdom years to build?

“As dead flies give perfume a bad smell, so a little folly outweighs wisdom and honor.” (10:1)

- Why is it often easier to ruin something good than to create something good?
- What are some “little flies” (small compromises, careless habits, unchecked words) that can spoil relationships, work, or spiritual life?

“If the ax is dull... more strength is needed, but skill will bring success.” (10:8–10)

- What area of your work, home, or faith needs more wisdom applied to it right now?

“Words from the mouth of the wise are gracious, but fools are consumed by their own lips.” (10:12)

- Why do words carry so much power to build up or tear down?
- When have you seen wisdom expressed through silence, restraint, or careful speech?

Good leaders show discipline; poor leaders indulge and neglect responsibility. (10:16–18)

- Where has God entrusted you with leadership (home, work, church, friendships)?
- What happens when we neglect those responsibilities?
- What is one area of your life that needs immediate attention or repair (the “leaky roof”)?

What is one area this week where you want to put wisdom into practice (work, words, leadership, restraint)?

How can we celebrate people living with wisdom?