



Live Well! Exercise Wisdom.

Ecclesiastes 9:13 - 10:20

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.

James 3:13 (NIV)

Sermon Proposition

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Exercise Wisdom in Conflict

Eccles. 9:13–10:4

^{9:16} *Wisdom is better than strength.*

^{9:18} *Wisdom is better than weapons of war.*

^{10:4} *Calmness can lay great offenses to rest.*

Exercise Wisdom at Work

Ecclesiastes 10:5–11

There is an evil I have seen under the sun...

⁵Whoever rules

⁸Whoever digs a pit

⁸Whoever demolishes a wall

⁹Whoever quarries stone

⁹Whoever splits logs

¹¹Whoever charms a snake

Exercise Wisdom in Word & Deed

Eccles. 10:12–20

¹²Words from the mouth of the wise are gracious, but fools are consumed by their own lips. ¹⁵The toil of fools wearies them...

Live It!

- Seek the Lord!

- Serve Others!

- Sow Seeds!

Open It

Have you ever received a word of wisdom from an unexpected source? Share these stories together with your group or family.

Consider It

What ironic example of wisdom impressed Solomon (9:13-16)?

What was the irony in this example?

How can wisdom guide us in conflict? What principles should we learn (9:16-10:4)?

What evil did Solomon observe (10:5-7)?

How do incompetent people end up in positions of responsibility?

How should wisdom be exercised in these hazardous work situations (10:8-11)?

Can you think of a comparable 21st Century example from work around the house or on the job?

What does wisdom require of you at work?

What is the difference between wise and foolish words (10:12-14)?

What are the harmful consequences of laziness (10:15-18)?

How does a person's laziness affect others?

In what way is money the answer for everything (10:19)?

Are there problems for which money is not the answer?

Why is it important to guard our tongue even when it doesn't appear to be necessary (10:20)? Can you think of an example?