

**Thursday** - Read *Ecclesiastes 10:16-20*. What is Solomon saying when he describes the “king as a child?” What are the potential pitfalls to a “childish” king or ruler? According to verse 19, what is this immature king tempted to believe about the true meaning of life? Solomon is underscoring the importance of maturity as we navigate things that are out of our control (like an incompetent leader). He is calling us to grow and pursue wisdom as opposed to foolishness. Don’t become a “childish king” who brings destruction upon himself and the kingdom through foolish living! Lend your ear to God’s wisdom and expect His blessing.

**Friday** - Read *Ephesians 5:15-17* and *Psalms 1*. What do these passages say about wisdom? Is it possible for a follower of Christ to lack wisdom? What kinds of things does the Psalmist put forth that define a wise person? Wisdom is the difference between satisfaction and regret!

Now read *James 1:5-8*. Are you facing a tough decision or do you need some direction right now? What would James tell you to do? If you are prone to doubt that God will actually do what He says, what does James say to that? May you live a life characterized by wisdom building your “house on the rock” where it can stand strong and beautiful. God Bless You!

# Life...On The Cutting Edge

## Ecclesiastes 10:1-20

### Introduction

Let’s do some fine tuning!

#### I. How will you be known? (10:1-3)

Remember to: \_\_\_\_\_ the small \_\_\_\_\_!

#### II. How will you respond? (10:4-7)

Remember to: \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_!

#### III. How will you prepare? (10:8-11)

Remember to: \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_!

#### IV. Who are you listening to? (10:12-15)

Remember to: \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_!

#### V. Are you growing up? (10:16-20)

Remember: \_\_\_\_\_ is a great \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_!

### Conclusion

Are you ready for rain?

## The Emmaus Road

...and he opened to us the Scriptures (Luke 24:32)

For the past few months, we've been building "a house of wisdom" in our study of the book of Ecclesiastes. This house is first laid upon a foundation, a confession that life apart from God doesn't work. In fact, the major work to this "house of wisdom" has been done and now Solomon wants to do some touching up. He wants to do some "fine tuning" if you will. He is just about ready to conclude his journal but there are just a few more things he wants to walk us through. Let's revisit those themes and see if we can't come to a greater understanding of these pearls of wisdom.

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**Monday** - Read *Ecclesiastes 10:1-3*. What is the fly in the perfume designed to represent? Why did Solomon choose to use a fly as the metaphor of what spoils the entire bottle of perfume (hint...think size)? What Solomon is saying is that it takes a lot longer to create something than it does to destroy it. Solomon wants us to sweat the small stuff, to remember that it only takes one wrong move to potentially ruin our character or testimony. Ask God to reveal to you where your "flies" are and be willing to take quick action.

**Tuesday** - Read *Ecclesiastes 10:4-7*. What reality is Solomon underscoring here? In the face of a foolish leader, what is Solomon's counsel? What point is Solomon making in verses 6-7? We will see time and time again leaders who lack the sensibility and insight to do what needs to be done (politics, government and even church), but Solomon counsels composure over losing our minds. This is yet another affirmation that our trust and future are in God's hand not man's. In prayer, communicate to the Lord that you trust Him.

**Wednesday** - Read *Ecclesiastes 10:12-15*. What is Solomon warning against in this passage? What happens when wisdom governs our tongue? What is Solomon saying about the foolish man in verse 13? Have you ever been in a conversation with someone where the more they spoke, the more ignorant they became? This passage is as much about what we are listening to as it is about what we say! Are you getting your information from foolish sources? We are a people that have never had more information, but have never had less understanding. Let God's Word be your source for truth and life and be careful what voices you are listening to!