

Living Wisely (Ecclesiastes 9:13-10:20)

I. Introduction: The human value of wisdom

II. Wisdom in War, Politics and Leadership (9:13-10:1)

The strength of the wise

The words of the wise

Wisdom is fragile

III. The corrupting power of folly (10:1-4)

IV. The behavior of the foolish leader (10:5-9)

Fools lead in an upside down world

Error begins with a foolish ruler (1 Kings 12:1-24 King Rehoboam)

A foolish leader forgets that he is a man subject to weakness

V. The characteristics of a successful leader (10:10-11)

Patience

Initiative

VI. The words of the wise and the fool (10:12-15, 20)

The wise are very careful about what they say

The fool multiplies words and always has all the answers

Why do people love to serve under foolish leaders?

VII. Living under a foolish leader vs. living under a wise leader (10:16-19)

Foolish leaders are self-indulgent and lazy

Under a wise leader you will lack nothing

VIII. Who is the wise leader?