

Is There Something Better for Me?

Ecclesiastes 7:1-14

We spend our lives searching for something better. Solomon shows us where to find it.

- I. The place of _____ is better than the place of _____ (1-4)

- II. Wise _____ is better than foolish _____ (5-7)

- III. Patient _____ is better than proud or angry _____ (8-10)
 - A. _____ about the future (8)
 - B. _____ about the present (9)
 - C. _____ about the past (10)

- IV. The value of _____ is better than the benefit of _____ (11-14)

Ecclesiastes & Proverbs	
Ecc 7:1 - A good name is better than precious ointment.	Prov. 22:1 - A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, loving favor rather than silver and gold.
Ecc 7:3 - Sorrow is better than laughter, for by a sad countenance the heart is made better.	Pr 14:13 - Even in laughter the heart may sorrow, and the end of mirth may be grief.
Ecc 7:5 - It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise than for a man to hear the song of fools.	Pr 13:1 - A wise son heeds his father's instruction, but a scoffer does not listen to rebuke. Pr 15:31 - The ear that hears the rebukes of life will abide among the wise.
Ecc 7:7 - Surely oppression destroys a wise man's reason, and a bribe debases the heart.	Pr 15:27 - He who is greedy for gain troubles his own house, but he who hates bribes will live.
Ecc 7:8b - The patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.	Pr 14:29 - He who is slow to wrath has great understanding, but he who is impulsive exalts folly. Pr 16:32a - He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty.
Ecc 7:9 - Do not hasten in your spirit to be angry, for anger rests in the bosom of fools.	Pr 14:17a - A quick-tempered man acts foolishly. Pr 14:29 - He who is slow to wrath has great understanding, but he who is impulsive exalts folly.
Ecc 7:12b - But the excellence of knowledge is that wisdom gives life to those who have it.	Pr 3:2 - For length of days and long life and peace they will add to you. Pr 3:16a - Length of days is in her right hand.