

Wisdom 101

Ecclesiastes 10:1-20 [Page 1045]

1. Wisdom _____ in the _____. [1-3]

*Biblically, a fool _____ the _____ of _____
and is _____ to go the _____ in life.*

*The fool is characterized by impulsive disobedience, self-centered
arrogance, and rash disregard for the holiness of God.*

2. _____ when people _____. [4-7]

3. Work _____, not _____. [8-11, 18-19]

4. _____ your _____. [12-15, 20]

5. Place your _____ in the _____ of
_____. [16-19]

Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started:

1. What was your first job? What did it teach you about life?

Digging Deeper:

Read Ecclesiastes 10:1-20

1. What two things are contrasted in verses 1-3? What point is the Teacher making here?
2. Reread verses 1-3. What's wrong with leaving your post? What are we to do instead?
3. What is the evil in verses 5-7? Where is it found?
4. In verses 6-11, where do you see poetic justice? Random events? Cause and effect? Dry humor? How does the "skill" in verse 10 relate to wisdom?

5. What topic is addressed in verses 12-15? Read James 3:1-12. How can we become better at taming the tongue?

6. What progression is evident in these verses? How does the contention in 14b add to the problem of the fool? What hope, if any, is there for the lost fool?

Taking it Home:

1. How "skilled" are you in the various areas of life (family, friendships, work, ministry)? In which areas do you need to develop greater skills? How can this best be done? How can your Growth Group help in this?

Prayer Concerns: