

MORE BETTER-THANS OF WISDOM
Ecclesiastes 7:5-12

Oakridge Community Church
Questions for Consideration and Discussion

Introduction:

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- I. **LISTENING TO WISE REBUKE BEATS HEARING FOOLS SING**
- A. 7:5-6
 - B. Proverbs 12:1
 - C. Proverbs 13:1
 - D. Proverbs 17:10
- II. **RESPONDING WITH PATIENCE BEATS ACTING RASHLY** 7:8
- ** Deuteronomy 31:8; Romans 8:28
- A. Impatience when oppression leads to irrationality 7:7a
 - B. Impatience when a quick fix is possible 7:7b
 - C. Impatience when anger is instinctive 7:9
 - 1. Proverbs 14:17, 29; 29:22
 - 2. Ephesians 4:31
 - 3. James 1:19-20
 - C. Impatience in complaining about present circumstances 7:10
 - 1. Numbers 11:5-6
 - 2. Ezra 3:12
- Conclusion
- 1. Ecclesiastes 7:11-12
 - 2. Proverbs 9:10
 - 3. 1 Corinthians 1:30

- 1. Do you find it difficult to hear correction? Why?
- 2. Does the attempt to protect oneself from correction truly help or hurt in the end? Give some examples. Why is this the case?
- 3. What is the connection between patience in our circumstances and trust in the Lord? How does impatience reveal a lack of trust in the Lord?
- 4. How does impatience in our circumstances reveal an arrogant spirit?
- 5. What rash actions have you committed recently because of impatience? Do you see impatience itself as a significant problem? What is the solution?
- 6. How important is the pursuit of wisdom in your life? How much time and energy are you devoting to that pursuit? What are you doing in order to pursue wisdom? Do you start with the fear of the Lord?