

**WISDOM IS BETTER THAN MIGHT**  
Ecclesiastes 9:13—10:20

Oakridge Community Church  
Questions for Consideration and Discussion

Introduction:

1. Ecclesiastes 9:11
2. Ecclesiastes 9:13-16
3. Ecclesiastes 10:5-7

**I. WISDOM DOES MUCH GOOD**

- A. Statements: 9:16, 18; 10:10
- B. Illustrations
  1. 9:17
  2. 10:2
  3. 10:12 cf. Luke 4:22; John 7:46; Luke 20:26
  4. 10:17
- C. Conclusion: Proverbs 4:7-8 cf. Ecclesiastes 10:4, 20

**II. FOLLY DOES MUCH HARM** 9:18; 10:1

- A. Statement – 9:18
- B. Illustration – 10:1
- C. Observation: folly cannot be hidden – 10:3
  1. 10:8, 9, 11, 12-14, 15, 16-19
  2. Matthew 7:26

**Conclusion**

1. Proverbs 4:5-6; 7:4; 8:1-11
2. Start with the fear of the Lord – Proverbs 1:7
  - a. The trembling fear – Hebrews 12:29
  - b. The trusting fear – Romans 5:8
  - c. The submissively-obedient fear – Proverbs 14:2
3. Constantly ask the Lord for wisdom – James 1:5
4. Hear, apply and obey the Lord – Matthew 7:24-27

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1. Describe a time when your wisdom was unappreciated by others. Did this make you reluctant to pursue wisdom further?
2. Name some occasions in your experience when you have seen the value of wisdom and the good it has done. What impact did this have on you?
3. Does true, godly wisdom ever lead a person to act unrighteously against God's standards and will? Have there been times when you deceived yourself into thinking it was wise to go against God's will? What led to doing so?
4. Does wisdom always avoid all trouble? What evidence from Jesus' ministry supports your answer?
5. What motivations/characteristics often underlie foolish actions? How do those motivations/characteristics relate to living for the glory of God?
6. Do the good wisdom achieves and the harm of folly motivate you to pursue wisdom and be content with wisdom even when you may be unappreciated or ignored? How will you pursue wisdom? How can we help one another in the pursuit of wisdom?