

# NO FOOLIN' AROUND

ECCLESIASTES 10

- A little folly can lead to great DAMAGE. 10:1-4
- Folly promotes sparkling FOOLS, while despising enduring CHARACTER. 10:5-7
- Folly sees our leadership as making us IMMUNE from CONSEQUENCES. 10:8-9
- Folly feels ENTITLED to great reward with PAINLESS effort. 10:10-11
- Folly TALKS of big things while refusing to LEARN ordinary things. 10:12-15
- Folly uses time and resources SELFISHLY for INSTANT-gratification. 10:16-20

Since folly is so DANGEROUS,  
run to Jesus to find the WISDOM you need  
to NAVIGATE your way through life.

LIVING LIFE  
BACKWARD

# FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. If someone asked you, "what's the difference between wisdom and knowledge," how would you explain the answer? How would you explain the difference between wickedness and folly?
2. Read the description of a fool in 10:1-3. What stands out to you about a fool? How does your heart relate to your behavior? How do you understand the counsel of how to respond to fools in 10:4?
3. Read the descriptions of foolishness in 10:5-9. What are some normal precautions you take to guard yourself from sin? What are some dangers of thinking you're immune to sin?
4. Read Ecclesiastes 10:10-11. Thinking about the picture of a person whacking with a dull axe, when have you gone about life like this? When have you "sharpened your axe?" What area of your life do you need to sharpen right now?
5. Read Ecclesiastes 10:12-15. Why do you think folly tempted to use big words? What is meant by verse 15? Consider what Proverbs says about our words. What stands out to you? (Prov 10:8, 11, 14, 19, 32, 12:13 13:3, 15:2, 18:7, 21, 21:23, 22:11, 29:11)
6. Read Ecclesiastes 10:16-20. What stands out to you in this picture of folly? What positive lesson of wisdom does this teach us? How can you apply verse 18 in your life?
7. Read Colossians 2:2-3. What are some practical ways that we can gain wisdom from Jesus? What does this look like in your life? How did Jesus subvert each piece of folly listed?

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