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Series: Living Life Backward

Text: Ecclesiastes 7:12-29

Certain things in life are important. Other things in life are crucial.

Read Proverbs 2:1-7

I. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF WISDOM

A. WISDOM TO DEAL WITH PROFITABILITY

Read <u>Ecc.7:11-12</u>

B. WISDOM TO DEAL WITH PROVIDENCE

Read <u>Ecc.7:13-14</u>

"God balances our lives to give us enough blessing to keep us happy and enough burdens to keep us humble. If all we had were blessings in our hands – we would fall right over – so the Lord balances the blessings in our hands with burdens on our backs. That helps keep us steady and as we yield to him we can even turn burdens into blessings." – Warren Wiersbe

C. WISDOM TO DEAL WITH PERPLEXITIES

Read Ecc.7:15

Read Isaiah 55:8

II. THE STRENGTH OF WISDOM

Hokmah - one of the Hebrew words for wisdom - "to be wise"

A. STRENGTH WITH THE COMPLICATIONS WE FACE

Read <u>Ecc. 7:19-20</u>

B. STRENGTH WITH THE CONFLICTS WE FORM

Read <u>Ecc. 7:21-22</u>

C. STRENGTH WITH THE COMPLEXITIES WE FEAR

Read <u>Ecc. 7:23-25</u>

D. STRENGTH WITH THE **CONFUSION** WE FIGHT

Read <u>Ecc. 7:26-29</u>

Read <u>Prov 21:16</u>, <u>2:11</u>

"Solomon was trapped by sexual seductions. He went looking for love and thought he would find it in a relationship with a woman. He went looking for that which would support him, strengthen, and make him feel life is worth living. But what we found was nothing but a fleeting sexual thrill. He found himself with a woman who did not give what he was looking for at all: He still felt the same empty loneliness as before." – Roy Stedman