

# The Folly of the Foolish

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Text: [Ecclesiastes 10:1-20](#)

Solomon – the author of books of **Ecclesiastes** and **Proverbs**

[Proverbs 15:21](#) – “Folly is joy to him that is destitute of wisdom...”

## I. THE LIFE OF A FOOL

Read [Ecclesiastes 10:1](#)

A. The description of their life

**Saul** – a perfection description of the life of a fool (see [1 Samuel 16:14](#))

B. The direction of their life

Read [Eccl. 10:2](#)

- The **right** hand = place of **honor** and **power**.
- The **left** hand = place of **weakness** and **rejection**

*Our choices are made by us. The direction comes from the choices we make.*

C. The display of their life

Read [Eccl. 10:3](#)

*A fool's actions prove himself a fool.*

## II. THE LEADERSHIP OF A FOOL

*“I have never accepted what many people have kindly said – that **linspired** the nation. It was the nation and the race dwelling around the globe that had the lion heart. I had the luck to be called to give the roar.” – Winston Churchill*

Solomon warns about the leadership of a fool.

#### A. Indulgence

Read [Eccl. 10:16-17](#)

“Unlucky the land whose king is a young pup, and whose princes party all night. Lucky the land whose king is mature – where the princes behave themselves and don’t drink themselves silly.” (*The Message, paraphrase*)

#### B. Incompetence

Read [Eccl. 10:18](#)

*“There is little correlation between a leader’s effectiveness and his or her intelligence – imagination – or knowledge. Brilliant people are strikingly ineffective. They never have learned that insights become effectiveness only through hard systematic work.” Peter Drucker/leadership guru*

#### C. Indifference

Read [Eccl. 10:19](#)

In what field are you a **leader**?

\* We will never stand alone before God.

\* We will stand with the **souls** of those we **lead**.

#### D. Indiscretion

Read [Eccl. 10:20](#)

### III. THE LIPS OF A FOOL

Read [Eccl. 10:11-14](#)

#### A. THE LIPS OF THE FOOL ARE COMPARED TO A SERPENT

Read [Proverbs 24:1-2](#)

Read [Proverbs 20:19](#)

**Be careful with gossip.**

#### B. THE LIPS OF THE FOOL ARE CERTAIN TO BE SELF-DESTRUCTIVE

Read [Proverbs 13:3, 16:27-28](#)

Read [Eccl. 10:12](#)

**David Jeremiah** said that he prays every morning this prayer: *“My Lord and my God. I am a rudderless ship without you. I cannot work, I cannot speak, I cannot live or love as I should – unless your wisdom lights my path. Protect me from my own foolishness and teach me thy way.”*

