

Wisdom for Living in an Uncertain World

1) Wisdom Is a Valuable Gift.

Ecclesiastes 7:11-12 Wisdom *is* good with an inheritance, And profitable to those who see the sun. ¹²For wisdom *is* ^[a]a defense as money *is* a defense, But the ^[b]excellence of knowledge *is that* wisdom gives life to those who have it. (NKJ)

2) We Must Accept That God Is Sovereign.

Ecclesiastes 7:13-14 Consider the work of God; For who can make straight what He has made crooked? ¹⁴In the day of prosperity be joyful, But in the day of adversity consider: Surely God has appointed the one ^[a]as well as the other, So that man can find out nothing *that will come* after him. (NKJ)

Isaiah 55:8-9 “For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts, Nor *are* your ways My ways,” says the Lord. ⁹“For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts. (NKJ)

3) Don't Let the Difficulties of Life Make You Bitter

Ecclesiastes 7:15-18 I have seen everything in my days of vanity: There is a just *man* who perishes in his righteousness, And there is a wicked *man* who prolongs *life* in his wickedness. ¹⁶Do not be overly righteous, Nor be overly wise: Why should you destroy yourself? ¹⁷Do not be overly wicked, Nor be foolish: Why should you die before your time? ¹⁸*It is* good that you grasp this, And also not remove your hand from the other; For he who fears God will ^[a]escape them all. (NKJ)

4) Wisdom Gives Strength

Ecclesiastes 7:19 Wisdom strengthens the wise More than ten rulers of the city. (NKJ)

5) Nobody Is Perfect

Ecclesiastes 7:20 For *there is* not a just man on earth who does good And does not sin. (NKJ)

6) Don't Take Everything Personally.

Ecclesiastes 7:21-22 Also do not take to heart everything people say, Lest you hear your servant cursing you. ²²For many times, also, your own heart has known That even you have cursed others. (NKJ)

7) Jesus Is the Perfect Example of Wisdom