

May 22, 2022 | Pastor Keith Krell
Ecclesiastes 9:13-10:20 | “Wise Beyond Words”

Sermon Application Review from Ecclesiastes 9:1–12

How did you entrust your circumstances into God’s hands this past week (9:1–6, 11–12)?
In what specific way(s) did you enjoy your life (9:7–10)?

Scripture References

Ecclesiastes 9:13–10:20

Proverbs 4:5–7

John 13:13–17

Matthew 5:38–47

Romans 12:14–21

Ephesians 6:5–8

James 3:1–12

Study Questions

1. Why is wisdom to be preferred over strength (9:13–18)? Why is wisdom unimpressive to most people? When have you expressed appreciation for the wisdom of others? Why are you so quick to forget the good that others do on your behalf? How do you respond when others fail to appreciate what you do for them?
2. How can a little foolishness ruin great wisdom (10:1–3)? When did you make a foolish mistake that ended up hurting others? What did you learn from your error? How did you confess and correct the sin? What was the result? Who are the people in your life that you count on for godly input?
3. When have you worked under a foolish employer (10:4)? Why is it important to hold your temper when your boss is angry with you? How should you respond in unfair work situations? Read James 1:19–20. What type of employee would your coworkers say you are? How would they describe your respect for your boss and associates?
4. How would you describe your work ethic (10:8–10)? In what ways is your performance exemplary? How does it stand out to your boss and coworkers? Read Ephesians 6:5–8 and Colossians 3:17, 23. In what ways do you demonstrate wise leadership (10:16–19)? Read Ephesians 6:9 and Colossians 4:1.
5. In what circumstances do you tend to talk too much (10:11–15)? What steps can you take to speak less today? Read Proverbs 10:19. How can you squelch your tendencies to gossip and slander (10:20)? How can you help others guard their tongues? Read Luke 12:3.

Recommended Reading

Joseph Stowell, *The Weight of Your Words: Measuring the Impact of What You Say* (Moody, 1998)

William C. Placher, *Callings: Twenty Centuries of Christian Wisdom on Vocation* (Eerdmans, 2005)

Rebecca McLaughlin, et al, *World on Fire: Walking in the Wisdom of Christ When Everyone’s Fighting About Everything* (B&H, 2021)