## Wisdom's Strength Ecclesiastes 7:13-29

- 1. Our will cannot \_\_\_\_\_\_ the will of God. v.13,14 "What is crooked cannot be straightened..." Eccl 1:15a
- 2. Right living and true wisdom \_\_\_\_\_\_ with God's. vs.15-18 "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the

Holy One is understanding." Prov 9:10

3. Wisdom gives \_\_\_\_\_\_ a righteous life. v.19

## We need wisdom to... vs.20-29

- 1. help us \_\_\_\_\_\_ being bent toward sin. v.20 "For wisdom will enter your heart And knowledge will be pleasant to your soul; "Discretion will guard you, Understanding will watch over you, "To deliver you from the way of evil..." Prov 2:10-12a
- 2. help guard \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ our tongue. vs.21,22

"Watch over your heart with all diligence, For from it {flow} the springs of life. <sup>24</sup> Put away from you a deceitful mouth And put devious speech far from you." Prov 4:23.24 3. help guard \_\_\_\_\_\_ from falling from \_\_\_\_\_. vs.23-25 "And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Phil 4:7 4. help guard \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ "Say to wisdom, 'You are my sister,' And call understanding your intimate friend; <sup>5</sup>That they may keep you from an adulteress. From the foreigner who flatters with her words." Prov 7:4,5 Summary: Though sin and temptation \_\_\_\_\_\_, wisdom gives us strength to live a life walking in His ways "So this I say, and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind, <sup>18</sup> being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them. because of the hardness of their heart" Eph 4:17.18