

Ecclesiastes 10:1-20

Day 1: One Foolish Action

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 10:1-11

Meditation: There's a saying "the road to happiness is almost always under construction." People spend their lives doing one thing and then changing another to get what they believe is true happiness. Solomon uncovers several things in these verses that show us foolish actions. It's important to understand that one foolish action can ruin a person's reputation for a long time. Be careful you are not having to spend many days that will follow trying to correct a lapse in character.

Reflection: Have you ever done something that you wish you could take back? Was it from an act of haste or in the moment? Why do we make the most mistakes when things are rushed? How can thinking through something help with making mistakes?

Prayer: If you have made a foolish mistake this week, seek forgiveness from God. Ask God to continue to give you wisdom in doing what you know is right. Thank Him for being patient with your actions.

Day 2: One Foolish Word

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 10:12-15

Meditation: These verses start to uncover a flaw that many of us may have...the inability to control our mouths. When talking with others, we must also do our best to guard our words, both how we use them and how they are received. Sometimes we never know the negative impact we may have on someone just because we didn't think. Remember, your tongue can either be a weapon of destruction or a tool of growth. It's up to you to decide.

Reflection: Have words left your mouth recently that immediately you wish you could have back? Why do you think it is so hard to control? What can you do to help better this action?

Prayer: If you have said foolish things this week, seek forgiveness from God. Ask God to show you ways to be slow to speak. Thank Him for being patient with your words.

Day 3: One Foolish Nation

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 10:16-20

Meditation: We have already seen Solomon outline foolish leaders, but he doubles down in these passages. In these verses he outlines what will be a foolish nation into basically four categories: one of indulgence, incompetence, indifference and indiscretion. He also drives home that this is usually led by the leadership of that nation. It's important that we heed these warnings as we see our election is just a little over a month from this day.

Reflection: Since the beginning, why do you think America has been so protected? Do you think America can still be protected? What can you do to help with this?

Prayer: Pray for wisdom in deciding on our election this year. Pray that others will have this conviction. Ask God to continue to show ways for you to be used regardless of what happens.