

# Ecclesiastes #15

"Don't Be A Fool!"

Investigating the meaning of life, by Pastor Jason on 2-18-24

**Text: Ecclesiastes 10:1-20**

**The Biblical definition of a Fool:** *Someone who lacks the proper fear of God and therefore is prone to go the wrong direction in life.*

## 3 Outward Characteristics of a Fool

1. They STINK (Ecc. 10:1, 2 Cor. 2:15-16)
2. They don't SEE CLEARLY (Ecc. 10:2, Ecc. 2:14)
3. They DISPLAY foolishness (Ecc. 10:3)

## 7 Foolish Things

1. Foolish POLITICIANS (Ecc. 10:4-7)
2. Foolish WORKERS (Ecc. 10:8-11)
3. Foolish TALKERS (Ecc. 10:12-15)
4. Foolish INDULGENCE (Ecc. 10:16-17)
5. Foolish LAZINESS (Ecc. 10:18)
6. Foolish INDIFFERENCE (Ecc. 10:19)
7. Foolish BLUNTNESS (Ecc. 10:20)

Prov. 1:7 "Fools despise wisdom and instruction."

James 1:5 "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all."

Prov. 4:7 "The beginning of wisdom is this: GET WISDOM."

Eph. 5:15 "Be very careful then how you live- not as unwise but as wise."

*OUR MISSION: Inviting people to Encounter a life changing God  
And become passionate followers of Christ.*

## TOGETHER GROUP QUESTIONS

Read **Ecclesiastes 10:1-20**. Solomon lists off many proverbs in this chapter and moves around all over the place between topics, observations, and experience. Have each group member share one verse or idea in chapter 10 that sticks out to them and why.

Verse one talks about the idea of a fool being compared to a bad stench. What are some ways that Christians can give off a bad aroma to this world? (In other words, how can we be off putting to the people around us?)

One mark of a fool is that they don't see clearly in regards to how God wants us to see things in this world. Spiritually, how does our vision get clouded with the world's ways?

In what ways can we be foolish with our family? At work? With neighbors? At church?

What does it mean to be...

Foolishly indulgent?

Foolishly lazy?

Foolishly indifferent?

Foolishly blunt?

Read Ephesians 5:15-17. How can we pursue wisdom instead of foolishness?