

CHASING THE WIND

Part 7: Wisdom and Coffee

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Wisdom from Grandpa Solomon in Ecclesiastes 7

¹A good name is better than fine perfume,
and the day of death better than the day of birth.

**Lesson: Any external changes you make are meaningless if
your name is worthless**

²It is better to go to a house of mourning
than to go to a house of feasting,
for death is the destiny of everyone;
the living should take this to heart.

**Lesson: How you finish your life is more important than
how you start**

³Frustration is better than laughter,
because a sad face is good for the heart.

⁴The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning,
but the heart of fools is in the house of pleasure.

Lesson: You learn more from pain than from a party

⁵It is better to heed the rebuke of a wise person
than to listen to the song of fools.

**Lesson: Your real friends will love you enough to say what you
don't want to hear**

⁶Like the crackling of thorns under the pot,
so is the laughter of fools.
This too is meaningless.

Lesson: Don't deny it if/when you are on fire

Next Steps

Use the PROAPT guide to study Chapter 8 of Ecclesiastes this week. You'll find printed copies at the Connection Point and reception desk in the Commons, and a downloadable PDF is available on the sermons page of our website, www.ctlk.church/bellingham/sermons.

Small Group Questions

- 1) What kind of relationship did you have with your grandpa(s)?
- 2) Read Ecclesiastes 7 out loud. Which verse is the most profound to you? Why?
- 3) Which of the 5 lessons in the outline have you learned and believe to be true? How did you learn the lesson?
- 4) Who do you trust enough to ask the question, "What is my reputation?" What would keep you from asking that question?
- 5) What is the best piece of advice you have received in your lifetime? Share!
- 6) How can we pray for you right now and throughout the week?