

Don't Be a Fool!

Ecclesiastes 9:13-10:20

Main Point:

Given its danger and destructive power, don't be a fool; rather, pursue and pray for wisdom.

1. Foolishness is dangerous.
2. Foolishness is destructive to others.
3. Foolishness is destructive to yourself.
4. Because of its danger and destructive power, you should not be a fool.
5. Instead, you should pursue and pray for wisdom.

Sidney Greidanus “Of all the passages in Ecclesiastes, this one is probably the most difficult to interpret and preach.”

Gordon Keddie “From his presuppositions to his philosophy and theology, to his attitudes, actions and words, everything is pointing in the wrong direction - away from the path of blessing as revealed by God.”

Derek Kidner “It is easier to make a stink than to create sweetness.”

Philip Ryken “Folly can be deadly ... For every folly, there is an equal and opposite self-destruction.”

Proverbs 3:18 18 She *is* a tree of life to those who take hold of her, And happy *are all* who retain her. (NKJV)

Philip Ryken “A wise man does not feel the need to do a lot of shouting. He knows it is not the loud word that moves people's hearts and changes the world for good, but the wise word. Thus he lets the wisdom of what he says speak for itself ...”

Proverbs 15:1 1 A soft answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger. (NKJV)

Philip Ryken “Staying calm is part of God's winning strategy for dealing with foolish anger.”

Douglas Sean O'Donnell “A large part of wisdom is mouth-management!”

Proverbs 13:16 16 Every prudent *man* acts with knowledge, But a fool lays open *his* folly. (NKJV)

Matthew 7:24 24 “Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: (NKJV)