

## **Ecclesiastes 10**

King James Version (KJV)

**10** Dead flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking savour: so doth a little folly him that is in reputation for wisdom and honour. (Folly=stupidity) (A little stupidity can ruin an otherwise good person)

<sup>2</sup>A wise man's heart is at his right hand; but a fool's heart at his left. (This is a recurring theme... Left = atheism, socialism, communism; Jesus said- fish out of the right side of the boat)

<sup>3</sup>Yea also, when he that is a fool walketh by the way, his wisdom faileth him, and he saith to every one that he is a fool. (Foolishness shows in a fool's words and actions)

<sup>4</sup>If the spirit of the ruler rise up against thee, leave not thy place; for yielding pacifieth great offences. (Be patient if a ruler is acting foolishly. Try to reason with him. Stand for your principles if you are right)

<sup>5</sup>There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, as an error which proceedeth from the ruler:

<sup>6</sup>Folly is set in great dignity, and the rich sit in low place. (Idiots are dignified, and the rich in wisdom are abased. The world is rife with corruption)

<sup>7</sup>I have seen servants upon horses, and princes walking as servants upon the earth. (If you allow bad leadership, you will see fools in charge, riding on horses; and would be wise people walking)

<sup>8</sup>He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it; and whoso breaketh an hedge, a serpent shall bite him. (He, who devises traps against others, will get it back upon himself)

<sup>9</sup>Whoso removeth stones shall be hurt therewith; and he that cleaveth wood shall be endangered thereby. (Stones =landmarks or property boundaries; basically stealing others' properties by moving the boundaries; hoarding wood – used to warm houses and cook food)

<sup>10</sup>If the iron be blunt, and he do not whet the edge, then must he put to more strength: but wisdom is profitable to direct. (Be sharp in life,

like your tools; sharp tools work much better than dull ones and require much less effort)

<sup>11</sup> Surely the serpent will bite without enchantment; and a babbler is no better. (Snake charmers keep the snake from biting him. Babblers are like enchanters of deceit; they talk all day and say nothing)

<sup>12</sup> The words of a wise man's mouth are gracious; but the lips of a fool will swallow up himself. (A fool or a sloth always gives himself away by his own words)

<sup>13</sup> The beginning of the words of his mouth is foolishness: and the end of his talk is mischievous madness. (Silly talk from a fool)

<sup>14</sup> A fool also is full of words: a man cannot tell what shall be; and what shall be after him, who can tell him? (This is endless babble that means nothing)

<sup>15</sup> The labour of the foolish wearieth every one of them, because he knoweth not how to go to the city. (He doesn't know one way from the other; yet he drives everyone crazy with endless babble)

<sup>16</sup> Woe to thee, O land, when thy king is a child, and thy princes eat in the morning! (Eat=feast – better translation) (When the leaders are silly and self indulgent; feasting in the morning means drunk and satiated all day. He gets nothing done)

<sup>17</sup> Blessed art thou, O land, when thy king is the son of nobles, and thy princes eat in due season, for strength, and not for drunkenness! (When the king and the princes are just and fair; they get their job done before they feast)

<sup>18</sup> By much slothfulness the building decayeth; and through idleness of the hands the house droppeth through. (Keep your house and business in repair or it will decay into nothing) Proverbs-24:30-34

<sup>19</sup> A feast is made for laughter, and wine maketh merry: but money answereth all things. (Profit from work makes for feasts & wine)

<sup>20</sup> Curse not the king, no not in thy thought; and curse not the rich in thy bedchamber: for a bird of the air shall carry the voice, and that which hath wings shall tell the matter. (Never curse or gossip against the powerful or eventually they will find out. It will come back to haunt you)