

**YAGII**

**30/8/25**

**Eccl 7:19-22**

**The strength that wisdom gives**

**Review**

1. Expect the unexpected things of life
2. The challenge is to pursue true righteousness and true wisdom
3. Avoid wickedness and foolishness
4. The challenge to fear God.

**The strength of wisdom**

"Wisdom strengthens the wise more than ten rulers of the city." Eccl 7:19

1. What wisdom does
  - a) It is a good defence Eccl 7:12
  - b) It gives life Eccl 7:12
2. Wisdom gives real strength to the wise
3. For a ruler, wisdom gives him strength
4. Having more rulers for a city may not be better
5. Wisdom can strengthen us

**The challenge of finding a just man**

"For there is not a just man on earth who does good and does not sin." Eccl 7:20

1. A personal comment of Solomon
2. His observation of man
3. Unable to find a just man
4. His response
5. The reality of life

**The challenge not to take to heart**

"Also do not take to heart everything people say, lest you hear your servant cursing you. For many times, also, your own heart has known that even you have cursed others."

Eccl 7:21-22

1. This is a pointed observation

2. When remarks are made

- a) People tend to make all kinds of remarks
- b) Some positive
- c) Some negative

3. We tend to take things to heart

4. The challenge is to learn the right lessons

- a) Do not take to heart what people say
- b) Not to focus on these things

5. The reality of things

- a) When people say negative things about us
- b) The reality is that we are not much different

### **Lessons to learn**

1. The challenge is to grow in wisdom and strength

- a) Wisdom gives strength in helping us discern and make good decisions
- b) We are strengthened internally...in mind and spirit

2. To be wise in our observation of man

3. Right response to people's comments