

Review

1. Appreciate the great worth of wisdom
 - a) Greater than strength
 - b) Greater than a loud foolish ruler
 - c) Greater than weapons
2. Look to wisdom that can deliver us from the difficulties of life
3. Respond by pursuing the path of wisdom, even if it is thankless
4. Affirm our faith in the Lord's deliverance.

Proverbial sayings

1. Solomon wrote a number of proverbial sayings concerning wisdom
2. There is value in the things that he wrote about

The dead flies in a perfumer's ointment

"Dead flies putrefy the perfumer's ointment, and cause it to give off a foul odor; so does a little folly to one respected for wisdom and honor." Eccl 10:1

1. The making of a perfume
2. Dead flies in the ointment
 - a) Flies would be attracted to the perfume due to its sweet smell
 - b) The dead flies would putrefy the ointment
3. The reputation of having wisdom and honour

"So does a little folly to one respected for wisdom and honor." Eccl 10:1

 - a) Hard to attain a good reputation
 - b) A little folly can affect it badly
4. The value of a good name

"A good name is better than precious ointment, and the day of death than the day of one's birth;" Eccl 7:1

 - a) There is great value in having a good name

b) It is more valuable than precious ointment

Right hand and left hand

"A wise man's heart is at his right hand, but a fool's heart at his left." Eccl 10:2

1. Right hand

a) 90% of people are right-handed

b) Only 10% are left-handed

2. The wise man's heart is at his right hand

3. Regarding the left hand

4. The fool's heart at his left hand

The path of a fool

"Even when a fool walks along the way, he lacks wisdom, and he shows everyone that he is a fool." Eccl 10:3

1. The choice of the fool

2. The fool lacks wisdom

3. His foolishness is evident

Lessons learned

1. Be diligent to guard our good reputation of being wise and honourable

2. Be challenged to cultivate a heart of wisdom

3. Avoid at all costs being a fool