

**"Conciliation pacifies great offences"****Review**

1. Be diligent to guard our good reputation of being wise and honourable
2. Challenged to cultivate a heart of wisdom
3. Avoid at all costs being a fool

**More proverbial sayings**

1. Solomon provides more proverbial sayings
2. These sayings have to do with his observations concerning rulers

**Dealing with conflicts**

"If the spirit of the ruler rises against you, do not leave your post; for conciliation pacifies great offences." Eccl 10:4

1. The spirit of the ruler
  - a) The spirit of the ruler determines his kind of rule
  - b) A proud ruler would rule with reckless power and authority
  - c) A humble ruler would rule with greater responsibility and wisdom
2. Conflicts may arise
  - a) A ruler may rise against his officials
  - b) The challenge not to leave your position
3. Learning to be conciliatory  
"For conciliation pacifies great offences" Eccl 10:4
  - a) Taking a more conciliatory approach
  - b) Meant to pacify the ruler

**The errors of man**

1. A great evil  
"There is an evil I have seen under the sun," Eccl 10:5
2. A great evil when a ruler makes errors  
"As an error proceeding from the ruler." Eccl 10:5

### 3. Examples of folly

a) Foolish people are placed in dignified places  
"Folly is set in great dignity," Eccl 10:6

b) The rich are given lowly places  
"While the rich sit in a lowly place." Eccl 10:6

c) Servants sitting on horses  
"I have seen servants on horses," Eccl 10:7

d) Princes walk as servants  
"While princes walk on the ground like servants." Eccl 10:7

### **The difference that wisdom and righteousness make in ruling/management**

#### 1. Speaking righteousness

"Righteous lips are the delight of kings, and they love him who speaks what is right."  
Prov 16:13

#### 2. Wisdom to appease

"As messengers of death is the king's wrath, but a wise man will appease it." Prov 16:14

#### 3. Ruling in righteousness

"When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but when a wicked man rules, the people groan." Prov 29:2

#### 4. Justice comes from the Lord

"Many seek the ruler's favor, but justice for man comes from the Lord." Prov 29:26

### **Lessons learned**

1. The wisdom of making conciliation

2. Expect that there can be serious errors in the management of people

3. The challenge to work with wisdom and righteousness