

Review

1. The wisdom of making conciliation
 - a) When those in high positions make errors (Leaders, bosses etc)
 - b) To be conciliatory and resolve the conflict
2. Expect that there can be serious errors in the management of people
 - a) Where the foolish are placed in high positions
 - b) Where the wise are sidelined
3. The challenge to work with wisdom and righteousness
 - a) To pray for wisdom and discernment to work with our bosses/superiors
 - b) To have the wisdom to do what is right, no matter the problem

More proverbial sayings

1. Solomon makes further observations of life
2. Some of these observations are about work
3. There are inherent dangers at work
4. The challenge is to have wisdom in our work to avoid these dangers

Warnings about inherent dangers

1. The digging of a pit
"He who digs a pit will fall into it," Eccl 10:8
2. Breaking through a wall
"And whoever breaks through a wall will be bitten by a serpent." Eccl 10:8
3. Quarrying stones
"He who quarries stones may be hurt by them," Eccl 10:9
4. Splitting wood
"And he who splits wood may be endangered by it." Eccl 10:9

Wisdom brings success

1. Those who use an axe

"If the axe is dull, and one does not sharpen the edge, then he must use more strength;"

Ecc1 10:10

2. The wisdom that brings success

"But wisdom brings success." Ecc1 10:10

Further thoughts about how wisdom/righteousness gives success/prosperity at work

1. Wisdom to labour well will lead to wealth

"In all labour there is profit, but idle chatter leads only to poverty. The crown of the wise is their riches, but the foolishness of fools is folly." Prov 14:23, 24

2. Excellence in work

"Do you see a man who excels in his work? He will stand before kings; He will not stand before unknown men." Prov 22:29

3. Trusting in the Lord

"He who is of a proud heart stirs up strife, but he who trusts in the Lord will be prospered."

Prov 28:25

4. The good example of Joseph Gen 39-41

Lesson learned

1. To be wise and careful in the course of our work...when there are inherent dangers to beware

a) Injury/loss of life

b) Significant physical loss

2. Seek to be more excellent in our work

a) Effectively

b) Efficiently

c) Successfully

3. Trust in the Lord to prosper

a) It is the Lord who blesses

b) Success comes from Him