

**WISDOM BRINGS SUCCESS**

**Eccl. 10:8-10**

**UNFORTUNATE EVENTS CAN HAPPEN**

“He who digs a pit will fall into it,  
And whoever breaks through a wall will be bitten by a serpent.” Eccl. 10:8

1. A person who digs a pit
  - a. Purpose
    - i. The pit is dug by a hunter to trap animals
    - ii. A rather big pit is needed to trap bigger animals like a wild boar or a deer
  - b. Mishaps
    - i. There are times when mishaps can happen
    - ii. While digging a pit, he may end up falling into it and hurting himself
2. Whoever breaks through a wall
  - a. A person can be tearing down a wall
  - b. Unfortunate event
    - i. He is bitten by a snake
    - ii. It is a rare thing for this to happen
    - iii. There is the possibility that a snake is hiding in the wall

**FACING ACCIDENTS**

“He who quarries stones may be hurt by them,  
And he who splits wood may be endangered by it.” Eccl. 10:9

1. Worksite accidents - Digging for stones in a quarry
  - a. People can be quarrying for stones
  - b. This is a worksite
  - c. Accidents can happen
2. Home accident - A person who spilt wood
  - a. Home chores like splitting wood can be dangerous
  - b. When we are not careful while splitting wood
  - c. Accidents can happen

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“If the axe is dull,  
And one does not sharpen the edge,

Then he must use more strength;  
But wisdom brings success." Eccl. 10:10

1. If the axe is dull
  - a. If we do not sharpen it
  - b. More strength is needed to cut things
2. When wisdom is applied
  - a. If he sharpens the axe, less strength is needed
  - b. We can achieve success when we use wisdom
  - c. In life, when Biblical wisdom is employed, the Lord will prosper that work

#### **PERSONAL APPLICATION OF WISDOM IN LIFE**

1. Learning to expect that mishaps and unfortunate events can happen
2. Seeking greater wisdom from the Lord and His word
3. Employing wisdom in life that success may come