

**THE WORDS OF THE FOOL AND THE WISE**

**Eccl. 10:11-15**

**REVIEW ON PERTINENT LESSONS ON THE WISE**

1. Being wise with our words before God Eccl. 5:1-2
  - a. Not to be rash with our words
  - b. No to let the heart utter anything hastily
  - c. Let our words be few
2. Wisdom strengthens the wise Eccl. 7:19
3. The words of the wise Eccl. 9:16-17
  - a. Sometimes not listened to
  - b. They are spoken quietly
4. A wise man's heart is in his right hand Eccl. 10:2

**THE WORDS OF THE FOOL**

"A serpent may bite when *it is* not charmed;  
The babbler is no different." Eccl. 10:11

"But the lips of a fool shall swallow him up;..." Eccl. 10:12

"The words of his mouth begin with foolishness,  
And the end of his talk *is* raving madness.

"A fool also multiplies words.

No man knows what is to be;

Who can tell him what will be after him?

"The labor of fools wearies them,

For they do not even know how to go to the city! Eccl. 10:13-15

1. It may cause much hurt
  - a. When a snake is charmed by a snake charmer, it seems to be a bit more under control (Although it can still bite at anytime)
  - b. When a snake is not charmed, it is more prone to biting
  - c. A babbler is like an uncharmed snake
  - d. He says whatever he wants.
  - e. He "bites" / hurts people along the way
2. Destroying himself
  - a. The words of the fool will swallow him up
  - b. His words are empty and useless
  - c. It causes harm to others and himself

3. The beginning and the end of a conversation with a fool
  - a. Begins with foolishness
  - b. It ends with raving madness
4. His conversation is filled with many words
  - a. No one knows where it is going
  - b. No one knows what would happen to him
  - c. No one knows what would be the result of what he becomes
5. The labour of the foolish
  - a. It causes weariness
  - b. They do not remember the directions to the city

### **THE WORDS OF THE WISE**

“The words of a wise man’s mouth *are* gracious,…” Eccl. 10:9

1. It is always gracious
2. It comes from a person who has self-control
3. They are spoken with gentleness and kindness

### **PERSONAL APPLICATION**

1. Be wise in all our words
2. Let our words always be gracious
3. Having wisdom that gives us the strength to work hard