

Review

1. To not be foolish in speaking unwise and unkind words
2. Challenge to speak wise and gracious words
3. Follow the example of the Lord Jesus in being gracious and speaking gracious words.

Warning against bad rulers

"Woe to you, O land, when your king is a child, and your princes feast in the morning!"
Eccl 10:16

1. Woe to the land
 - a) Warning given to the nation concerning its king
 - b) It could be a child-king taking over
 - c) It could be a king acting like a "child"
2. When princes feast in the morning

The blessing of noble kings

"Blessed are you, O land, when your king is the son of nobles, and your princes feast at the proper time—For strength and not for drunkenness!" Eccl 10:17

1. Blessed is the land
2. The king is the son of nobles
 - a) The king is brought up by nobles
 - b) Being noble
3. When princes feast at the proper time
4. For strength and not for drunkenness

Observations of those who are foolish

1. Laziness and idleness
"Because of laziness the building decays, and through idleness of hands the house leaks."
Eccl 10:18

- a) Laziness leads to the decay of a building

b) Idleness causes the house to leak

2. Money matters

"A feast is made for laughter, and wine makes merry; but money answers everything." Eccl 10:19

a) A feast is associated with laughter

b) Wine makes merry

c) Money answers everything

3. Avoid cursing

"Do not curse the king, even in your thought; Do not curse the rich, even in your bedroom; For a bird of the air may carry your voice, and a bird in flight may tell the matter." Eccl 10:20

a) Do not curse the king (Idea of complaining)

b) Do not curse the rich

c) A bird may carry the information

An example of nobility

1. Daniel and the children who were brought to Babylon

2. Some were children of royalty and nobles Daniel 1:3

3. Displayed nobility Daniel 1:4

Lessons learned

1. To cultivate nobility

2. To avoid being foolish in our ways

3. Understand how nobility affects all that we do