

LEAD SHEET

ECCLESIASTES - WEEK 6

THE WISE & THE FOOLISH

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THIS MONTH'S FAITH SKILL:

WORSHIP WITH YOUR LIFE

If you want to know God better, give back to Him!

GETTING STARTED

General Discussion:

- How do you know if a decision is a good one or not?
- Who can you get advice from to make sure you are making a good choice?
- How can making a difficult decision show your character?

DIGGING IN

Ecclesiastes 6 and 7 have a variety of statements in them that swing on a common hinge--the back and forth of foolish and wise living. Some refer to something wise, others to something foolish. Each observation Solomon makes says something to us today.

No one thinks he or she is a fool, but so many of us do not live according to wise principles.

By taking a look at different chunks of these two chapters, we will all have a better idea of how to live wisely.

READ

**Ecclesiastes 6:1-6, Ecclesiastes 6:7-9,
Ecclesiastes 6:10-12, Ecclesiastes 7:1-4,**

Ecclesiastes 7:5-9, Ecclesiastes 7:10-14, Ecclesiastes 7:15-20, Ecclesiastes 7:21-29

Discussion Questions:

1. What do these scriptures say is foolish?
(Roving appetite, extortion, anger, devious schemes.)
2. What do these scriptures say is wise?
(A good name, patience, knowledge, avoiding extremes, fear God.)
3. How might you apply these verses to your life today?

The Scriptures are old. Solomon wrote Ecclesiastes about 1,000 years before the birth of Christ, but they still matter and apply to us today!

MAKING IT REAL

General Discussion:

- Who is the wisest person you know?
- Why do you consider that person wise?
- Does that person have only good things happen to him or her? How does he or she handle tough times?
- How do you think that person became wise?

There is a difference between living a wise or a foolish life. Our lives are like a coin. We can land on one of two sides--the wise side or the foolish side. And plenty of people are living foolishly.

Discussion Questions:

1. Can you control whether or not you make wise choices? How? (*Yes. Base your decisions on Biblical principals*)
2. Has anyone here made a foolish choice recently? Does anyone want to share?

3. Once you make a foolish mistake, what can you do to avoid making that same mistake again? (*Ask God for forgiveness, wisdom, and strength not to repeat the behavior. Be accountable to Christian friends.*)

4. Who are some wise people that you trust to hold you accountable to living wisely?

Will you commit to asking them to help you sometime this week?

The time to live a wise life is not 20 years from now. It's right now. By making wise choices, paying attention, and seeking to honor God with your whole life, you can live a wise life.

CLOSING PRAYER

Pray for each other to make wise choices.

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