

## **Wisdom and Folly Under the Sun**

*Ecclesiastes 10*

Sunday, November 6, 2016

### **Eight observations about wisdom and folly under the sun:**

- I. **Folly is disadvantageous (1-4).**
  - It only takes a little (1).
  - It is patently unhelpful (2).
  - It makes itself obvious (3).
  - It loses its composure (4).
  
- II. **Wisdom is advantageous, but it can't guarantee outcomes (5-11).**
  - Fools sometimes succeed (5-7).
  - Unintended consequences sometimes occur (8-9).
  - The wise make necessary preparations (10).
  - Timing is something (11).

III. **Folly proceeds out of the mouth (12-14).**

- foolish words are destructive (12).
- foolish words are evil (13).
- foolish words are profuse (14).

IV. **Folly is wearying (15).**

V. **Folly and wisdom rise to power (16-17).**

- the curse of foolish leadership (16).
- the blessing of wise leadership (17).

VI. **Folly has consequences (18).**

VII. **Wisdom uses resources for their intended purposes (19).**

VIII. **Wisdom guards its speech (20).**