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Ecclesiastes 10:1 Dead flies make a perfumer's oil stink, so a little foolishness is weightier than wisdom and honor.

- the ointment: Ex 30:34,35
- a little: 2Ch 19:2 Ne 6:13 13:26 Mt 5:13-16 Ga 2:12-14

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Ecclesiastes 10:2 A wise man's heart directs him toward the right, but the foolish man's heart directs him toward the left.

- wise: Ec 9:10 Pr 14:8 Lu 14:28-32
- but: Ec 10:10,14 Pr 17:16 Lu 12:18-20

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Ecclesiastes 10:3 Even when the fool walks along the road, his sense is lacking and he demonstrates to everyone that he is a fool.

- and he: Ec 5:3 Pr 13:16 18:2,6 1Pe 4:4

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Ecclesiastes 10:4 If the ruler's temper rises against you, do not abandon your position, because composure allays great offenses.

- leave: Ec 8:3
- for: 1Sa 25:24-44 Pr 25:15

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Ecclesiastes 10:5 There is an evil I have seen under the sun, like an error which goes forth from the ruler--

- an evil: Ec 4:7 5:13 6:1 9:3
- as an: Ec 3:16 4:1

There is an evil I have seen under the sun, like an error which goes forth from the ruler

Ecclesiastes 10:6 folly is set in many exalted places while rich men sit in humble places.

- Folly: Judges 9:14-20 1Ki 12:13,14 Es 3:1 Ps 12:8 Pr 28:12,28
- the rich: Jas 2:3-5

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Ecclesiastes 10:7 I have seen slaves riding on horses and princes walking like slaves on the land.

- Pr 19:10 30:22

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Ecclesiastes 10:8 He who digs a pit may fall into it, and a serpent may bite him who breaks through a wall.

- that: Judges 9:5,53-57 2Sa 17:23 18:15 Es 7:10 Ps 7:15,16 9:15,16 Pr 26:27
- a serpent: Am 5:19 9:3

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Ecclesiastes 10:9 He who quarries stones may be hurt by them, and he who splits logs may be endangered by them.

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Ecclesiastes 10:10 If the axe is dull and he does not sharpen its edge, then he must exert more strength. Wisdom has the advantage of giving success.

- wisdom: Ec 10:15 9:15-17 Ge 41:33-39 Ex 18:19-23 1Ki 3:9 1Ch 12:32 2Ch 23:4-11 Mt 10:16 Ac 6:1-9 15:2-21 Ro 16:19 1Co 14:20 Eph 5:15-17 Col 4:5 Jas 1:5

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Ecclesiastes 10:11 If the serpent bites before being charmed, there is no profit for the charmer.

- the serpent: Ps 58:4,5 Jer 8:17
- a babbler: Heb. the master of the tongue, Ps 52:2 64:3 Pr 18:21 Jas 3:6

If the serpent bites before being charmed, there is no profit for the charmer.

Ecclesiastes 10:12 Words from the mouth of a wise man are gracious, while the lips of a fool consume him;

- words: Job 4:3,4 16:5 Ps 37:30 40:9,10 71:15-18 Pr 10:13,20,21,31,32 Pr 12:13,14,18 15:2,23 16:21-24 22:17,18 25:11,12 31:26 Mt 12:35 Lu 4:22 Eph 4:29 Col 4:6
- gracious: Heb. grace
- but: 2Sa 1:16 1Ki 20:40-42 Ps 64:8 140:9 Pr 10:8,10,14 18:6-8 19:5 Pr 26:9 Lu 19:22

Words from the mouth of a wise man are gracious, while the lips of a fool consume him;

Ecclesiastes 10:13 the beginning of his talking is folly and the end of it is wicked madness.

- beginning: Jud 14:15 1Sa 20:26-33 22:7,8,16-18 25:10,11 2Sa 19:41-43 2Sa 20:1 2Ki 6:27,31 Pr 29:9 Mt 2:7,8,16 Lu 6:2,11 Lu 11:38,53,54 Joh 12:10 Ac 5:28-33 6:9-11 7:54-59 19:24-28

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Ecclesiastes 10:14 Yet the fool multiplies words. No man knows what will happen, and who can tell him what will come after him?

- fool: Ec 5:3 Pr 10:19 15:2
- is full of words: Heb. multiplieth words, Job 34:37 35:16
- a man: Ec 3:22 6:12 8:7 Jas 4:13,14

Yet the fool multiplies words. No man knows what will happen, and who can tell him what will come after him

Ecclesiastes 10:15 The toil of a fool so wearies him that he does not even know how to go to a city.

- labour: Ec 10:3,10 Isa 44:12-17 47:12,13 55:2 57:1 Hab 2:6 Mt 11:28-30
- because: Ps 107:4,7 Isa 35:8-10 Jer 50:4,5

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Ecclesiastes 10:16 Woe to you, O land, whose king is a lad and whose princes feast in the morning.

- when: 2Ch 13:7 33:1-20 36:2,5,9,11 Isa 3:4,5,12
- and: Pr 20:1,2 Isa 5:11,12 28:7,8 Ho 7:5-7
- in the: Jer 21:12

Woe to you, O land, whose king is a lad and whose princes feast in the morning

Ecclesiastes 10:17 Blessed are you, O land, whose king is of nobility and whose princes eat at the appropriate time--for strength and not for drunkenness.

- when: Ec 10:6,7 Pr 28:2,3 Jer 30:21
- and thy: Pr 31:4,5

Blessed are you, O land, whose king is of nobility and whose princes eat at the appropriate time--for strength and not for drunkenness.

Ecclesiastes 10:18 Through indolence the rafters sag, and through slackness the house leaks.

- Pr 12:24 14:1 20:4 21:25 23:21 24:30,31 Heb 6:11 2Pe 1:5-10

Through indolence the rafters sag, and through slackness the house leaks.

Ecclesiastes 10:19 Men prepare a meal for enjoyment, and wine makes life merry, and money is the answer to everything.

- feast: Ec 2:1,2 7:2-6 Ge 43:34 Da 5:1-12 1Pe 4:3
- and wine: Ec 9:7 Ps 104:15 Isa 24:11 1Sa 25:36 2Sa 13:28 Lu 12:19 Eph 5:18,19
- maketh merry: Heb. maketh glad the life
- but: Money which would have answered every good purpose, and served for every emergency, is too often spent in feasting and revellings. Ec 7:11,12 1Ch 21:24 29:2-9 2Ch 24:11-14 Ezr 1:6 7:15-18 Ne 5:8 Ps 112:9 Isa 23:18 Mt 17:27 19:21 Lu 8:3 16:9 Ac 2:45 11:29 Php 4:15-19 1Ti 6:17-19

Men prepare a meal for enjoyment, and wine makes life merry, and money is the answer to everything

Ecclesiastes 10:20 Furthermore, in your bedchamber do not curse a king, and in your sleeping rooms do not curse a rich man, for a bird of the heavens will carry the sound and the winged creature will make the matter known.

- Curse: Ex 22:28 Isa 8:21 Ac 23:5
- thought: or, conscience, Ec 7:21,22 Lu 19:40
- in thy bedchamber: Lu 10:40 12:2,3

Furthermore, in your bedchamber do not curse a king, and in your sleeping rooms do not curse a rich man, for a bird of the heavens will carry the sound and the winged creature will make the matter known.