



Ecclesiastes 10:1-20

THE SERIOUSNESS OF FOOLISHNESS

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

SIGNS THAT YOU MAY BE A FOOL

1. Foolishness Shows Up In The Way That You _____

A wise man's heart *directs him* toward the right, but the foolish man's heart *directs him* toward the left. ³ Even when the fool walks along the road, his sense is lacking and he demonstrates to everyone *that* he is a fool. ⁴ If the ruler's temper rises against you, do not abandon your position, because composure allays great offenses. - Ecclesiastes 10:2-4

2. Foolishness Shows Up In The Way That You _____

He who digs a pit may fall into it, and a serpent may bite him who breaks through a wall. ⁹ He who quarries stones may be hurt by them, and he who splits logs may be endangered by them. 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. ¹¹ If the serpent bites before being charmed, there is no profit for the charmer. - Ecclesiastes 10:8-11

3. Foolishness Shows Up In The Way That You _____

- **Foolish words are _____**

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

Like a club and a sword and a sharp arrow Is a man who bears false witness against his neighbor. - Proverbs 25:18

The one who guards his mouth preserves his life; The one who opens wide his lips comes to ruin. - Proverbs 13:3

- **Foolish words are _____**

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

- **Foolish words are _____**

Yet the fool multiplies words. - Ecclesiastes 10:14

- **Foolish words are** _____

No man knows what will happen, and who can tell him what will come after him? ¹⁵ The toil of a fool so wearies him that he does not *even* know how to go to a city. - Ecclesiastes 10:14-15

4. Foolishness Shows Up In The Way That You _____

- **Through selfish** _____

Woe to you, O land, whose king is a lad and whose princes feast in the morning. 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. - Ecclesiastes 10:16-17

- **Through lazy** _____

Through indolence the rafters sag, and through slackness the house leaks. ¹⁹ Men prepare a meal for enjoyment, and wine makes life merry, and money is the answer to everything. - Ecclesiastes 10:18-19