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Ecclesiastes Sermon Series
Supports Session: Where is the Balance?
Sermon Title: "All-in-One Wisdom"
Passage: Ecclesiastes 7:11-14

Connection to Ecclesiastes 7

Solomon emphasized the practical function of wisdom and the need to avoid extremes. Solomon reflected over the events he had witnessed, concluding wisdom was something to be cherished above all else.

Introduction/Opening

"All-in-one" tools promise to eliminate the need for hundreds of single-function tools in our sheds. Wisdom is a spiritual multi-functional gift, giving the believer the ability to perform many actions that help them grow in their relationship with Christ, grow others, and ensure a quality life.

Solomon highlighted the multiple benefits of wisdom in the life of someone who trusts the wisdom of God.

Outline

I. Wisdom enriches life (v. 11).

An inheritance is an amazing gift passed down from a family member that allows someone to increase their family's long-term security, pay off debts, update various aspects of life, and bless others. Christlike wisdom carries similar benefits. When one has wisdom, he or she can avoid negative sinful choices, choose Christ-honoring paths and solutions, and be a blessing to others in Jesus' name. Wisdom which comes from Jesus not only benefits the individual but affects the lives of others.

II. Wisdom is protection (v. 12).

Solomon did not claim money to be equal to or a replacement for wisdom. There are certain functions money performs that protect from people harm, danger, and benefit one's family. Biblical wisdom in action functions to protect against the pitfalls of immaturity, impulsivity, and sinful actions which leave one vulnerable to negative consequences.

Another benefit of Christlike wisdom is how it puts believers at an advantage in terms of knowledge against someone acting ignorantly in the moment (v. 12b). If we operate on the wise knowledge of Christ, we are capable of making better decisions that benefit others and

the kingdom of God. The wise knowledge of Christ moves us away from sinful moral, ethical, and social choices.

Godly wisdom dictates our correct values, morals, and worldview. Christlike wisdom provides a blueprint for things we should invest in and view as important. This type of “big picture” wisdom informs every choice Christ followers make and enables us to have longer, more fruitful lives.

III. Wisdom honors God (vv. 13-14).

We can be tempted to take situations into our own hands, especially when it’s uncomfortable or uncertain. We are to “consider” the work of God as something we do not have the authority to change or manipulate (v. 14). Christlike wisdom acknowledges and trusts God as having the right to do what He wants without human attempts of control.

We are comfortable with God’s will when things are going well for us; however, it is necessary for us to also trust and display godly wisdom by acknowledging God’s work when things are difficult. Biblical, Christlike wisdom acknowledges Jesus as in full control in all circumstances.

Conclusion

The next time you see an “all-in-one” tool, remember how the wisdom from God functions in many different ways. We notice from Scripture how wisdom functions to enrich and protect our lives and ultimately to honor Christ.

Are you viewing wisdom from Jesus’ perspective? Do you see wisdom as a treasured gift to be cultivated and put into action in all aspects of life? If not, look to the One who is supremely wise and good and who, in His wisdom, was resurrected in order that we might have life.

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