

Ecclesiastes 10 part 3: Wisdom in Labor

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1. Verses 8-9 The cost of doing business.

In these two verses, Solomon gives us four activities, each of which comes with potential hazards:

1. digging a pit
2. breaking through a wall
3. quarrying stones
4. splitting logs

How are the first two different from the second two?
(see Psalm 7:15, 9:15, 35:7, 57:6 Amos 5, Acts 28:4)

NOTE: Being a person who pursues _____ does not exempt you from the pitfalls of labor.

How has living in a litigation age affected our views of what we should expect when it comes to labor? (See Luke 17:7-10)

* _____ is beneficial, but it will not take all of the striving out of labor - labor is dangerous as a consequence of the fall. (see Genesis 3)

2. Verse 10-11, 15, 18 Applying wisdom to your labor.

Wisdom is not only relevant to the _____. When we are infected by folly, we will find our labors to be much more difficult.

10:10 – Work _____, not just harder

10:11 and 18 – The perils of _____

We learn to do evil by doing nothing. _____, the ‘blessing’ of civilized society, too often makes man worthless rather than creative.

10:15 – _____ multiplies the toils of labor.

3. Verse 19 The blessings of labor.

Labor results in _____!

The fact that God would bring blessings even out of the curse that He levies on mankind in Genesis 3 speaks to His incredible kindness towards sinners.

*The labor of man could never produce righteousness if it weren't for the perfect labor of Jesus Christ.