Ecclesiastes 10:1-3 – Regarding Wisdom and Folly

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What are PROVERBS?

We must be careful not to confuse a proverb for something that it is not: Proverbs are not _____. They direct a person to practices that are <u>most likely</u> to produce outcomes that are pleasing to God, but they are not covenant promises or guarantees.

Our study through Ecclesiastes 10 will break down into four categories:

- 1. General thoughts on wisdom and _____
- 2. Wisdom concerning _____
- 3. Wisdom concerning _____
- 4. Wisdom regarding ______.

10:1 - The _____ potential of folly.

The Apostle Paul addressed a potentially pervasive error in His letter to the Galatians. What was that error?

Application: Precaution doesn't solve every problem of life, but in so much as it depends upon you, guard yourself with diligent, thorough wisdom. Folly may one day come, but in the meantime, give no place to it in your life.

10:2 - Folly influences our _____

Though modern politics are not in direct view, the significance of 'rights and lefts' should not be taken lightly. (See Matthew 31-34)

QUESTION: Do you apply *your* heart to know and live by God's wisdom?

10:3 - Foolish _____ reveal foolish hearts

Proverbs 17:28 shows us that our _____ can reveal a flaw in our heart, but Ecclesiastes 10:3 shows us that words aren't even necessary. Crooked fruit grows from crooked roots.

*As the pressures of life increase, it is easier for folly to leak out into our actions. What are some potentially foolish behaviors that we must seek God's help in avoiding in light of the current trial our world is going through? What kinds of heart errors do these behaviors reveal?