

11. Comments on the Rat Race

Solomon has been sharing the fruit of his hard-won wisdom. After living apart from God he returns and notes some of the things he has learned concerning wisdom itself.

ECCLESIASTES 9:11-10:20

Intro – Solomon provides more insights about wisdom and its uses in life.

I. Comments on the Rat Race

Our culture did not invent the “rat race” mentality. _____

Solomon comments on the Rat Race of his day.

Vs. 11 _____

Vs. 12 _____

Vs. 14-15 _____

Based on these observations, Solomon develops some core ideas about life in the fast lane.

1. Human activity _____ vs. 11

2. Strength is more impressive but _____ vs. 15-16a

3. Wise counsel is _____ vs. 16b

4. Human rulers will always _____ vs. 17

5. Wisdom is better than _____ vs. 18

II. Wisdom and Folly – Chapter 10:1-11

Solomon builds a case for living wisely.

He contrasts Wisdom vs. Folly

1. _____ vs. 1

_____ vs. 2

_____ vs. 3

2. _____ vs. 4

_____ vs. 5-7

3. _____ vs. 8-10

III. A Fool's Portrait - vs. 12-20

What does a fool look like?

1. Character of a fool. _____

2. Actions of a fool. _____

IV. How to Deal with a Fool

1. _____ Proverbs 14; 23:9

2. _____ Psalms 107:10-12; 39-40

3. _____ Psalms 107:21-22

