



A STUDY OF ECCLESIASTES

#12 WATCH!!!

Ecclesiastes 10:1-20 (ESV)

Ecclesiastes 10:1 *Dead flies make the perfumer's ointment give off a stench; so a little folly outweighs wisdom and honor. ²A wise man's heart inclines him to the right, but a fool's heart to the left. ³Even when the fool walks on the road, he lacks sense, and he says to everyone that he is a fool. ⁴If the anger of the ruler rises against you, do not leave your place, for calmness will lay great offenses to rest. ⁵There is an evil that I have seen under the sun, as it were an error proceeding from the ruler: ⁶folly is set in many high places, and the rich sit in a low place. ⁷I have seen slaves on horses, and princes walking on the ground like slaves. ⁸He who digs a pit will fall into it, and a serpent will bite him who breaks through a wall. ⁹He who quarries stones is hurt by them, and he who splits logs is endangered by them. ¹⁰If the iron is blunt, and one does not sharpen the edge, he must use more strength, but wisdom helps one to succeed. ¹¹If the serpent bites before it is charmed, there is no advantage to the charmer. ¹²The words of a wise man's mouth win him favor, but the lips of a fool consume him. ¹³The beginning of the words of his mouth is foolishness, and the end of his talk is evil madness. ¹⁴A fool multiplies words, though no man knows what is to be, and who can tell him what will be after him? ¹⁵The toil of a fool wearies him, for he does not know the way to the city. ¹⁶Woe to you, O land, when your king is a child, and your princes feast in the morning! ¹⁷Happy are you, O land, when your king is the son of the nobility, and your princes feast at the proper time, for strength, and not for drunkenness! ¹⁸Through sloth the roof sinks in, and through indolence the house leaks. ¹⁹Bread is made for laughter, and wine gladdens life, and money answers everything. ²⁰Even in your thoughts, do not curse the king, nor in your bedroom curse the rich, for a bird of the air will carry your voice, or some winged creature tell the matter.*

Why am I LISTENING to SOMEONE TEACH the BIBLE?

WISDOM—The HUMAN capacity to understand LIFE from God's PERSPECTIVE

FOLLY (foolishness)—The HUMAN capacity to understand LIFE without WISE and GODLY direction.

Watch Your WAYS (vs. 1-3) —

Watch Your LEADERS (vs. 4-7, 16, 17) —

Watch OUT (vs. 8-11) —

Watch Your MOUTH (vs. 12-15) —

Watch your LIFE (vs. 18-20) —
