

“Don’t Be Foolish, Be Wise!”

Ecclesiastes 10:8-11

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- I. It is foolish to spend your life trying to harm _____ because in the process you harm _____.

“Whoever digs a pit may fall into it;”

Ecclesiastes 10:8a

(NIV)

“Whoever digs a pit will fall into it; if someone rolls a stone, it will roll back on them.”

Proverbs 26:27 (NIV)

“Whoever leads the upright along an evil path will fall into their own trap, but the blameless will receive a good inheritance.”

Proverbs 28:10 (NIV)

“Whoever digs a hole and scoops it out falls into the pit they have made. The trouble they cause recoils on them; their violence comes down on their own heads.”

Psalms 7:15-16 (NIV)

- II. It is foolish to _____ where you shouldn’t _____ and to _____ what you shouldn’t _____ and expect no _____.

“whoever breaks through a wall may be bitten by a snake.”

Ecclesiastes 10:8b (NIV)

“I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have preserved my life.”

Psalms 119:93 (NIV)

“Whoever keeps commandments keeps their life, but whoever shows contempt for their ways will die.”

Proverbs 19:16 (NIV)

“but I gave them this command: Obey me, and I will be your God, and you will be my people. Walk in obedience to all I command you that it may go well with you. But they did not listen or pay attention; instead, they followed the stubborn inclinations of their evil hearts. They went backward and not forward.”

Jeremiah 7:23-24 (NIV)

Ecclesiastes 10:10 (NIV)

“At the window of my house I looked down through the lattice. I saw among the simple, I noticed among the young men, a youth who had no sense.”

Proverbs 7:6-7 (NIV)

Do you see someone skilled in their work?

They will serve before kings; they will not serve before officials of low rank.

Proverbs 22:29 (NIV)

“let the wise listen and add to their learning,
and let the discerning get guidance—”

Proverbs 1:5 (NIV)

“As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.”

Proverbs 27:17 (NIV)

- III. It is foolish to avoid _____ tasks
because of _____ dangers.

“Whoever quarries stones may be injured by them;
whoever splits logs may be endangered by them.”

Ecclesiastes 10:9 (NIV)

“The sluggard says, “There’s a lion outside!
I’ll be killed in the public square!”

Proverbs 22:13 (NIV)

- IV. It is foolish not to be _____ at what you do.

“If the ax is dull and its edge unsharpened,
more strength is needed, but skill will bring success.”

- V. Wisdom requires doing the right thing at the right _____.

“If a snake bites before it is charmed, the charmer receives no fee.”

Ecclesiastes 10:11 (NIV)

“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:”

Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NIV)

“Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Psalms 90:12 (NIV)

“Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.”

Ephesians 5:15-16 (NIV)