

“It is better to go to a house of mourning than to go to a house of feasting, for death is the destiny of everyone; the living should take this to heart. Frustration is better than laughter, because a sad face is good for the heart. The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning, but the heart of fools is in the house of pleasure.”

**Ecclesiastes 7:2-4 (NIV)**

“Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.”

**1 Timothy 6:17 (NIV)**

“Do not trust in extortion or put vain hope in stolen goods; though your riches increase, do not set your heart on them.”

**Psalms 62:10 (NIV)**

- VI. A fool talks about things that he ought to be \_\_\_\_\_ about.

“Do not revile the king even in your thoughts, or curse the rich in your bedroom, because a bird in the sky may carry your words, and a bird on the wing may report what you say.”

**Ecclesiastes 10:20 (NIV)**

“There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed or hidden that will not be made known. <sup>3</sup> What you have said in the dark will be heard in the daylight, and what you have whispered in the ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed from the roofs.”

**Luke 12:2-3 (NIV)**

“For there is nothing hidden that will not be disclosed, and nothing concealed that will not be known or brought out into the open.”

**Luke 8:17 (NIV)**

“Don’t Be Foolish, Be Wise!”

## Ecclesiastes 10:16-20

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- I. The well being of a nation is closely connected to the \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ of its leaders.

“With good men in authority, the people rejoice; but with the wicked in power, they groan.”

**Proverbs 29:2 (TLB)**

“Woe to the land whose king was a servant and whose princes feast in the morning. Blessed is the land whose king is of noble birth and whose princes eat at a proper time — for strength and not for drunkenness.”

**Ecclesiastes 10:16-17 (NIV)**

- ❖ Solomon is not talking so much here about the \_\_\_\_\_ of the leader as he is talking about the \_\_\_\_\_ of the leader.

“Now, LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. So, give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern these great people of yours?”

**1 Kings 3:7-9 (NIV)**

- II. Foolish leaders are driven by their \_\_\_\_\_ and they lack \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Ecclesiastes 10:16-17 (NIV)**

**(Isaiah 3:1-5)**

- III. Wise leaders are not enslaved to their desires, but they are \_\_\_\_\_ to lead in wisdom.

“Blessed is the land whose king is of noble birth and whose princes eat at a proper time— for strength and not for drunkenness.”

**Ecclesiastes 10:17 (NIV)**

“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery... You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.”

**Galatians 5:1, 13 (NIV)**

“You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness. I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness. When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life.”

**Romans 6:18-22 (NIV)**

- IV. The wise are not \_\_\_\_\_ but they eat what is needed for \_\_\_\_\_.

“Listen, my son, and be wise, and set your heart on the right path: Do not join those who drink too much wine or gorge themselves on meat, for drunkards and gluttons become poor, and drowsiness clothes them in rags.”

**Proverbs 23:19-21 (NIV)**

“For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things.”

**Philippians 3:18-19 (NIV)**

“Wine is a mocker and beer a brawler; whoever is led astray by them is not wise.”

**Proverbs 20:1 (NIV)**

“It is not for kings, Lemuel— it is not for kings to drink wine, not for rulers to crave beer, lest they drink and forget what has been decreed, and deprive all the oppressed of their rights.”

**Proverbs 31:4-5 (NIV)**

- V. It is foolish to be \_\_\_\_\_ and to put off what needs to be done.

“Through laziness, the rafters sag; because of idle hands, the house leaks. A feast is made for laughter, wine makes life merry, and money is the answer for everything.”

**Ecclesiastes 10:18-19 (NIV)**

“Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest.”

**Proverbs 6:6-8 (NIV)**

