

JUST A LITTLE BIT OF FOOLISHNESS

(Ecclesiastes 10:1-20)

- I. A little bit of foolishness can spoil _____
_____ (1-3, 12-15, 20).
1. Our _____ matters.
 2. Our _____ matters.
 3. Our _____ matters.
- II. A little bit of foolishness can spoil _____
_____ (4-7, 16-19).
1. An effective leader knows how to be _____.
 2. An effective leader knows how to _____.
 3. An effective leader knows how to be _____.
 4. An effective leader knows how to be _____.
- III. A little bit of foolishness can spoil _____
_____ (8-11).
1. Work _____, not _____.
 2. Work _____, not _____.

Group Discussion Questions

(Read the passage together as a group before discussing the questions)

1. Foolishness in Ecclesiastes 10 is referring to a lack of moral or spiritual sense. It is usually driven by a fear of man or circumstances, rather than a healthy fear of the Lord. With that in mind, how can a little foolishness outweigh wisdom and honor (10:1)?
2. According to verses 12-15, what characterizes the fool? Read Prov. 11:19 and restate the truth found there in your own words.
3. Leadership is influence and we all have influence somewhere, therefore we are all leaders at some level. In looking at the four statements about effective leaders in the outline, do any of them stand out to you as being critical? Why?
4. Do you see how the two principles stated in the outline can be derived from verses 8-11? Can you give an example of working carefully, not fearfully? What does it look like in your context to work smarter, not harder?
5. What stood out to you from the text or message that you would like to explore further? What will you do to apply this message this week?