

Ecclesiastes
Gail Arterburn –2025

Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 am
To be discussed – 03/03/25

Lesson 9
Eccl. 10:12-11:7

1. Read Eccl. 10:12-15. These proverbs deal primarily with *unwise words*. Generally speaking, how do wise people speak? What characterizes the speech of fools?

2. Aside from what scripture clearly reveals and teaches, can we speak dogmatically about the future? Why or why not?

3. Do these verses encourage or convict you? Why?

4. Read Eccl. 10:16-20. What contrasts are given between the kings portrayed in verses 16 & 17? What is the result of laziness?

5. Verse 19 may be interpreted in more than one way. Is money the answer for everything?

6. What warning is given in verse 20?

7. Read Eccl. 11:1-6. These verses describe *wise behavior* in light of our uncertain future.
 - vv. 1-2. *Cast your bread upon the waters* may refer to making business investments or to charitable giving. In either case, what advice is given here?

 - vv. 3-4. What about uncertain weather conditions or things beyond our control? Should they render us idle?

 - v. 5. Should we worry about the things we cannot understand about God and how He works to bring His will to pass?

 - v. 6. Since the future is in God's hands, how should we then live?

8. How can over-caution hinder growth and joy in our personal or spiritual lives?