



Life Under The Sun

Wisdom Is Best, but . . .
Ecclesiastes 7:1 – 14



**Solomon &
Queen of Sheba**

1st Recommendations

Ecclesiastes 7:1a

- *Good reputation is best.*

2nd Recommendations

Ecclesiastes 7:1b

- ***Your last day is better than your first day.***

3rd Recommendation

Ecclesiastes 7:2 - 4

- *Visiting a mortuary is better than going to a restaurant.*
- *Because that is the end of your life.*

Do not love the world or the things that belong to the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him. For everything that belongs to the world — the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride in one's lifestyle — is not from the Father, but is from the world. And the world with its lust is passing away, but the one who does God's will remains forever.

1 John 2:15-17

4th Recommendation

Ecclesiastes 7:5 - 6

- ***It is better to accept the rebuke of a wise man.***
- ***In contrast, the fool wants to sing and laugh.***

Don't rebuke a mocker, or he will hate you; rebuke a wise man, and he will love you.

Proverbs 9:8

The one who has contempt for instruction will pay the penalty, but the one who respects a command will be rewarded.

Proverbs 13:13

5th Recommendation

Ecclesiastes 7:7

- ***It is better to hate oppression.***
- ***The fool does not hate oppression if he/she benefits.***

6th Recommendation

Ecclesiastes 7:8

- ***It is better to be patient.***
- ***The fool is too proud to wait.***

7th Recommendation

Ecclesiastes 7:9

- ***It is better to not become angry.***
- ***The fool frequently gets angry.***

8th Recommendation

Ecclesiastes 7:10

- *It is better to be content with your life.*
- *The fool wishes for the “good old days”.*

9th Recommendation

Ecclesiastes 7:11 - 12

- ***It is better to pursue wisdom.***
- ***Wisdom + Money = Advantage.***
- ***Wisdom + Knowledge = Protection.***
- ***The fool has no advantage or protection.***

Solomon's Conclusion

Ecclesiastes 7:13 - 14

- ***It is impossible for us to change what God has planned and does.***
 - ***If God enables you to be prosperous, be happy.***
 - ***If God does not prosper you, then be content. God is in control and does not want you to know your future.***

How Should We Respond?

- ***Be a wise person and follow Solomon's advice.***
- ***Thank God when you experience pleasure, but do not pursue it. Note: pleasure is not guaranteed.***
- ***Your purpose in life is to live for Christ – Philipians 1:21-22.***