

The Blessings of Wisdom

Introduction: This section of the books is much like one of Solomon's other works--
_____. Having wisdom brings many _____ to the believer's life

- I. Wisdom _____ Reputation (Eccl. 10:1-3)
- A. It takes a long time to _____ a good reputation, but only one moment to destroy it.
 - B. "People will remember one _____ indiscretion and forget years of worthy achievement" (MacDonald).
 - C. "One night on the town can mean a _____ in the darkness of disease or even death" (McGee).
 - D. Always be mindful that somebody may be _____ you (1 Cor. 8:9-13; 1 Thess. 5:22).
 - E. The folly of a fool is always _____ to the public.
- II. Wisdom _____ Problems (Eccl. 10:4-15)
- A. Wisdom will teach you to _____ instead of running away.
 - B. You cannot run away from your _____--they will just follow you to the next place.
 - C. There is always a _____ of danger in anything we do, but wisdom can help us take precautions to minimize those dangers.
 - D. It is never a _____ of time to prepare before beginning a job.
 - E. Proper preparation will actually make the job _____ once we begin.
 - F. There is no talking _____ into a fool (Prov. 27:22).
 - G. The words of the wise are _____ and will prevent conflicts (Col. 4:6).
 - H. A foolish person cannot even see the _____--loss of common sense.
- III. Wisdom _____ People (Eccl. 10:16-20)
- A. The most important of all qualities for a _____ is wisdom (Prov. 8:14-16).
 - B. Everything rises and _____ on leadership.
 - C. Good leadership must be _____ and self-disciplined.
 - D. "There are too many cocktail parties in Washington where the political _____ are being made" (McGee).
 - E. Laziness leads to _____ roofs.
 - F. Leaders must _____ with problems—they will not go away by themselves; they only become worse with time.
 - G. Laughter doesn't _____ problems either.
 - H. Beware of _____ leaders.
 - I. Place yourself in the _____ of your leaders.

Conclusion: The lives we live are very dependent upon the choices we make each day. As believers we need to have wisdom in every decision—choosing as God would have us to.