

Old Testament

- Ecc 10:1** Dead flies make the perfumer's ointment give off a stench; so a little folly outweighs wisdom and honor.
- Ecc 10:2** A wise man's heart inclines him to the right, but a fool's heart to the left.
- Ecc 10:3** Even when the fool walks on the road, he lacks sense, and he says to everyone that he is a fool.
- Ecc 10:4** If the anger of the ruler rises against you, do not leave your place, for calmness will lay great offenses to rest.
- Ecc 10:5** There is an evil that I have seen under the sun, as it were an error proceeding from the ruler:
- Ecc 10:6** folly is set in many high places, and the rich sit in a low place.
- Ecc 10:7** I have seen slaves on horses, and princes walking on the ground like slaves.
- Ecc 10:8** He who digs a pit will fall into it, and a serpent will bite him who breaks through a wall.
- Ecc 10:9** He who quarries stones is hurt by them, and he who splits logs is endangered by them.
- Ecc 10:10** If the iron is blunt, and one does not sharpen the edge, he must use more strength, but wisdom helps one to succeed.
- Ecc 10:11** If the serpent bites before it is charmed, there is no advantage to the charmer.
- Ecc 10:12** The words of a wise man's mouth win him favor, but the lips of a fool consume him.
- Ecc 10:13** The beginning of the words of his mouth is foolishness, and the end of his talk is evil madness.
- Ecc 10:14** A fool multiplies words, though no man knows what is to be, and who can tell him what will be after him?
- Ecc 10:15** The toil of a fool wearies him, for he does not know the way to the city.
- Ecc 10:16** Woe to you, O land, when your king is a child, and your princes feast in the morning!
- Ecc 10:17** Happy are you, O land, when your king is the son of the nobility, and your princes feast at the proper time, for strength, and not for drunkenness!
- Ecc 10:18** Through sloth the roof sinks in, and through indolence the house leaks.
- Ecc 10:19** Bread is made for laughter, and wine gladdens life, and money answers everything.
- Ecc 10:20** Even in your thoughts, do not curse the king, nor in your bedroom curse the rich, for a bird of the air will carry your voice, or some winged creature tell the matter.
- Ecc 11:1** Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days.
- Ecc 11:2** Give a portion to seven, or even to eight, for you know not what disaster may happen on earth.
- Ecc 11:3** If the clouds are full of rain, they empty themselves on the earth, and if a tree falls to the south or to the north, in the place where the tree falls, there it will lie.
- Ecc 11:4** He who observes the wind will not sow, and he who regards the clouds will not reap.
- Ecc 11:5** As you do not know the way the spirit comes to the bones in the womb of a woman with child, so you do not know the work of God who makes everything.
- Ecc 11:6** In the morning sow your seed, and at evening withhold not your hand, for you do not know which will prosper, this or that, or whether both alike will be good.
- Ecc 11:7** Light is sweet, and it is pleasant for the eyes to see the sun.
- Ecc 11:8** So if a person lives many years, let him rejoice in them all; but let him remember that the days of darkness will be many. All that comes is vanity.

Ecc 11:9 Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth. Walk in the ways of your heart and the sight of your eyes. But know that for all these things God will bring you into judgment.

Ecc 11:10 Remove vexation from your heart, and put away pain from your body, for youth and the dawn of life are vanity.

Ecc 12:1 Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near of which you will say, "I have no pleasure in them";

Ecc 12:2 before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars are darkened and the clouds return after the rain,

Ecc 12:3 in the day when the keepers of the house tremble, and the strong men are bent, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those who look through the windows are dimmed,

Ecc 12:4 and the doors on the street are shut--when the sound of the grinding is low, and one rises up at the sound of a bird, and all the daughters of song are brought low--

Ecc 12:5 they are afraid also of what is high, and terrors are in the way; the almond tree blossoms, the grasshopper drags itself along, and desire fails, because man is going to his eternal home, and the mourners go about the streets--

Ecc 12:6 before the silver cord is snapped, or the golden bowl is broken, or the pitcher is shattered at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern,

Ecc 12:7 and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it.

Ecc 12:8 Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher; all is vanity.

Ecc 12:9 Besides being wise, the Preacher also taught the people knowledge, weighing and studying and arranging many proverbs with great care.

Ecc 12:10 The Preacher sought to find words of delight, and uprightly he wrote words of truth.

Ecc 12:11 The words of the wise are like goads, and like nails firmly fixed are the collected sayings; they are given by one Shepherd.

Ecc 12:12 My son, beware of anything beyond these. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

Ecc 12:13 The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.

Ecc 12:14 For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.

New Testament

2Co 11:16 I repeat, let no one think me foolish. But even if you do, accept me as a fool, so that I too may boast a little.

2Co 11:17 What I am saying with this boastful confidence, I say not with the Lord's authority but as a fool.

2Co 11:18 Since many boast according to the flesh, I too will boast.

2Co 11:19 For you gladly bear with fools, being wise yourselves!

2Co 11:20 For you bear it if someone makes slaves of you, or devours you, or takes advantage of you, or puts on airs, or strikes you in the face.

2Co 11:21 To my shame, I must say, we were too weak for that! But whatever anyone else dares to boast of--I am speaking as a fool--I also dare to boast of that.

2Co 11:22 Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they offspring of Abraham? So am I.

2Co 11:23 Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one--I am talking like a madman--with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death.

2Co 11:24 Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one.

- 2Co 11:25** Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea;
- 2Co 11:26** on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers;
- 2Co 11:27** in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure.
- 2Co 11:28** And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches.
- 2Co 11:29** Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I am not indignant?
- 2Co 11:30** If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness.
- 2Co 11:31** The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying.
- 2Co 11:32** At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas was guarding the city of Damascus in order to seize me,
- 2Co 11:33** but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall and escaped his hands.