 **Lesson 15**

“Let’s Be Mature, Here”

*Ecclesiastes 10:1-20*

In the hustle and bustle of life, there's a constant need for Christians to become more mature. “Adulting” isn’t supposed to be an unusual phenomena. It's not just about getting older; it's about growing wiser, making smarter choices, and handling things with grace and wisdom. Think about it: how we talk, how we work, and even how we deal with authority figures—it all reflects whether we're on the wise path or stumbling around in foolishness. Ecclesiastes 10 lays it all out, comparing wisdom and foolishness like a guidebook for life. From Solomon, let’s **learn how to be more mature in our lives**. Top of Form

Bottom of Form

**Wisdom is fragile and easily corrupted (v. 1).**

* Dead flies spoil good perfume (v. 1a).
* A little foolishness spoils wisdom and honor (v. 1b).

*Other Notes:*

**Wisdom guides you along the right path (vs. 2-3).**

* Wisdom leads you in the right direction (v. 2).
* The path you walk shows how much sense you have (v. 3).

*Other Notes:*

**Wisdom empowers you to navigate complex power dynamics (vs. 4-7).**

* Wisdom says level-headed under pressure (v. 4).
* Wisdom sees when leaders cause chaos (vs. 5-7).

*Other Notes:*

**Wisdom leads you to success in your endeavors (vs. 8-11).**

* Success is achieved by avoiding pitfalls and dangers (vs. 8-9).
* Success results from working intelligently (v. 10).
* Success comes from recognizing and mitigating threats (v. 11).

*Other Notes:*

**Wisdom is revealed through one’s speech (vs. 12-15, 20).**

* Wise speech is gracious, while foolish speech is self-destructive (v. 12).
* Wise speech is sound, while foolish speech is mad (v. 13).
* Wise speech is credible, while foolish speech is incessant (v. 14).
* Wise speech is competent, while foolish speech is incompetent (v. 15).
* Wise speech is guarded, while foolish speech is slanderous (v. 20).

*Other Notes:*

**Wisdom informs and guides prudent leadership (vs. 16-17).**

* Immature leaders are indulgent (v. 16).
* Mature leaders are prudent (v. 17).

*Other Notes:*

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* Laziness leads to life to falling apart (v. 18).
* Laziness misuses important resources (v. 19).

*Other Notes:*

**Prayer**

**Scripture**: Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6

**College Student of the Night:** Jenna Baker

* Freshman at Purdue
* Prayer Requests:
  + 1 more final left
  + 2 more papers left
  + Home this summer

**Single Focus/Cross Impact Requests:**

* Cross Impact IUPUI, Purdue, Ball State, and UIndy
* Potential at IU, Marion, and Butler
* Single Focus (Connect, Grow, Serve)
* Sunday Soul-Winning Efforts

**Specific Requests:**

* Jack Elms, Kendall Elms, Jesiah Achenbach, and Max Garcia in military training/service
* Joseph LaPointe’s back and spirit
* Jessica’s Unsaved friend in Mormonism
* Aaron Bott and family- Soldier in Kuwait (Joe Forti’s friend)
* Ian’s unsaved family
* James as he recovers from his diabetic episode and financial implications (Hau’s friend)
* Karen’s (Elizabeth’s coworker) continued complications from her surgery months ago
* Jessi Gold’s search for an internship.
* Pastor Jonah Scott (Andy’s friend in WI) still fighting the infection that caused sepsis. Lots of ups and downs right now.

**Announcements:**

* College Student Welcome-Home event- May 17
* Midwest Young Adults Conference- June 1
* Midweek Connection Openers and Music Schedule

**Order of Service for tonight:**

* **Opening Game**: Weird Words
* **Announcements**:
* **Opener**: Andy
* **Songs**:
  + In Faith I Follow (on screen)
  + May the Lord Find us Faithful (on screen)
* **Prayer**:
* **Message**: Pastor Andy