

Book:	Ecclesiastes
Series:	Two Ways to Live: Under the Sun or In the Fear of God
Lesson 14:	Wisdom about Folly
Text:	Ecclesiastes 10:1-20
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Next Lesson:	Ecclesiastes 11:1-10

INTRODUCTION

No matter how good a situation may be, it can be threatened in a moment by the introduction of folly. This passage doesn't play any games with the fool. It unmasks him for all to see the destitution and destruction that his life represents. While we know that, for those who are living "in the fear of God," there is always forgiveness, fresh mercies, and second chances, it still doesn't negate the fact that folly can have tremendous consequences. Therefore, ***because folly worsens the frustrations of life, we must avoid it.*** In Ecclesiastes 10, Solomon surveys three spheres of life that are negatively affected by folly.

FOLLY AFFECTS ONE'S _____ (vv. 4-7, 16-20).

1. *Folly taints a leader's _____ (vv. 4, 20).*

2. *Folly taints a leader's _____ (vv. 5-7).*

3. *Folly taints a leader's _____ (vv. 16-19).*

FOLLY AFFECTS ONE'S LABOR (vv. 8-11).

1. *Wisdom doesn't _____ success (vv. 8-9).*

2. *Folly can _____ success (vv. 10-11).*

FOLLY AFFECTS ONE'S LANGUAGE (vv. 12-15).

1. *Foolish speech produces _____ and _____ (v. 12).*

2. *Foolish speech reveals _____ and _____ (v. 13).*

3. *Foolish speech masks _____ and _____ (vv. 14-15).*