

Book:	Ecclesiastes
Series:	Two Ways to Live: Under the Sun or In the Fear of God
Lesson 11:	Wisdom for Living, Part 2: Outlook on Life
Text:	Ecclesiastes 7:15-29
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Next Lesson:	Ecclesiastes 8:1-17

INTRODUCTION

To 3D people living in a 4D world, Solomon recommends “the fear of God”—a simple blend of righteousness and wisdom—to help us navigate. He has discovered that unlike any other perspective, this God-fearing mindset will help us begin to make sense of our world and live at peace within it. But, we need to make sure that we’re thinking wisely about wisdom and rightly about righteousness; because in this “under the sun” dimension, neither wisdom nor righteousness are foolproof or infallible.

Whereas 7:1-14 dealt more with our decisions within life (Part 1: Operations), 7:15-29 concentrates on our observations and interpretations about life (Part 2: Outlook). He’s addressing our perspective, our outlook, our viewpoint, and if we fail to apply righteous wisdom here, then we will reap vanity in our decisions, pursuits, and lifestyles. Therefore, **we must develop a wise outlook on life.** Throughout this section, the Teacher (v. 27) has three key truths to communicate to us about a wise outlook on life.

A WISE OUTLOOK REQUIRES _____ OBEDIENCE (vv. 15-18).

1. *Solomon’s* _____ (v. 15)
2. *Solomon’s* _____ (vv. 16-17)
3. *Solomon’s* _____ (v. 18)

Application:

A WISE OUTLOOK RECOGNIZES PERSONAL _____ (vv. 19-24).

1. *Wisdom recognizes personal* _____ (vv. 19-22).
2. *Wisdom recognizes personal* _____ (vv. 23-24).

Application:

A WISE OUTLOOK RECALLS PEOPLE’S _____ (vv. 25-29).

1. *Wisdom can* _____ *people* (v. 26).
2. *Many people* _____ *wisdom* (vv. 27-28).
3. *This is not* _____ *fault* (v. 29).

Application:

CONCLUSION

While life will not be completely solved until eternity, wise living—both in its operation and its outlook—will help us 3D people navigate courageously in our 4D world.