



Success for a Lifetime
Text: Ecclesiastes 10:1 – 12:8
Series: Escaping Futility, Enjoying Fulfillment,
The Book of Ecclesiastes, #7
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Theme: **Successful living requires God's wisdom.**

The reality of life without God's wisdom.

1. Some perspective. (10:1-3)
2. Some consequences. (10:2-7, 12-20)

The reality of life with God's wisdom.

1. Leads to action which minimizes risks and maximizes success. (10:8-11, 11:1-6)
2. Leads to remembering and serving God with joy. (11:7 - 12:8)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. Read 10:1-3. Living without relying on God's wisdom, King Solomon tells us, is foolishness. Consider these three verses for the specific perspective they give us of life without God's wisdom. Write a summary. To what extent does that fit you?

Tuesday. Today think about some of the consequences of making decisions, acting without God's wisdom. If you took notes on Sunday, review the points. Check 10:2 & 15, 10:5-7, 10:12-14 & 20, and 10:16-19 and identify the four consequences listed here. Can you identify any of these consequences in your own experience over the past days or weeks?

Wednesday. One of the real benefits of living with God's wisdom is that it leads to action which minimizes risks and maximizes success. Identify some of the everyday risks facing everyone noted in 10:8-11 and 11:1-6. The last part of 10:10 tells us "Wisdom has the advantage of giving success." What is the connection between this and the everyday risks? Write a brief summary of the truth here.

Thursday. Relying on God's wisdom leads you to remember and serve Him with joy. Read 11:7 - 12:8. One of the lessons from this section is that we are to receive and live with God's wisdom and joy *now*. Each day lived in this way is another step along the path of "*Success For A Lifetime*." Does this describe you today? this week?

Friday – Saturday. On Sunday we plan to conclude this series in Ecclesiastes with 12:9-14. Read and think through this conclusion in preparation for Sunday.