Ecclesiastes 7 • The Practical Application of Wisdom

1. (v.1-14) *The specific application of biblical wisdom in the course of everyday life:*
   1. (v.1) Maintain a good **reputation**.
   2. (v.2-4) Frequent meditation on **mortality**.
   3. (v.5-6) Listening to wise **rebuke** & shunning the **mirth** of fools.
   4. (v.7) Avoid behaviors producing **oppression** or **injustice**.
   5. (v.8) A model of **endurance** to do the right thing regardless of the **circumstances**.
   6. (v.9) In control of **anger**.
   7. (v.10) Resists the urge to look **back** and live in the **past**.
   8. (v.11-12) Lives a life dedicated to **God’s** ways.
   9. (v.13) Submits to the **will** of God.
   10. (v.14) **Content** in all circumstances, recognizing **God** is in control.
2. (v.15-18) We are not only to fear God by refraining from **sin** and **wickedness**, but to fear God more than the **traditions** of men.
3. (v.19-22) *Three character traits of the biblically wise:*
   1. (v.19) **Treats** others as God would **treat** them.
   2. (v.20) Continually working out their **sanctification**.
   3. (v.21-22) Lives by “**The Golden Rule**”.
4. (v.23-26) Apart from **God**, personal strength and knowledge lead to **deception** because biblical wisdom is rooted in biblical **faithfulness**.
5. (v.27-29) Biblical wisdom is the result of our personal **choice** whether to **follow** God’s Word and ways.