

## Ecclesiastes 10 • There is No Guarantee

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1. (v.1-4) Wisdom does not guarantee that **sin** will be abolished and no longer an issue. The mark of true wisdom is spiritual **faithfulness** regardless.
2. (v.5-7) From God's point of view, **power** and **wealth** are no guarantee anyone possesses what is necessary to be a biblically effective **leader**. If we're not **faithful** as a servant and common citizen, we will only multiply that **unfaithfulness** if placed in a greater **position** of power and authority.
3. (v.8-11) **Methods** and **processes** are no guarantee of spiritual success; anything undertaken that is not in full **submission** to God's Word and ways is in danger of coming back to inflict the worst **results** on the very person employing those **methods** or **processes** in their own strength.
4. (v.12-15) One of the benefits of the wisdom of adhering to God's Word and ways is that, in the context of this present life, it provides the **Believer** with a **purpose** for the things of this life, whereas the **sinner** is **self-deceived** into viewing anything leading to God as **worthless**.
5. (v.16-20) There is no guarantee that our earthly leaders or government will be **Christ-centered**, which is why Scripture commands that our first and foremost action is to hold them up in **prayer** that spiritual **change** would come and ultimately result in worldly **change**.
6. **Overall Application**: We will never be permanently **successful** pursuing things according to the **world's** ways at the expense of **God's** Word and ways.