

A Wisdom Worth Pursuing

Ecclesiastes 7

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“Wisdom is the God-given ability to see life with rare objectivity and to handle life with rare stability.”

-Charles Swindoll in *Living on the Ragged Edge*

1. **Wisdom Realizes the Fear of the Lord**

Where we struggle: We can become preoccupied with things of no eternal significance.

- A. Remember the Importance of Character (v. 1,5)
- B. Keep Eternal Realities in Sight (v. 2-4, 6)

2. **Wisdom Realizes God is in Control of Life**

Where we struggle: We look to ourselves, rather than God, to control our environment and circumstances.

- A. We Cannot Control Other People (v. 7-9)
- B. We Cannot Control the Future (v. 10-14)

3. **Wisdom Realizes the Sin in Life**

Where we struggle: We can sometimes focus more on the sin in others and the world around us and ignore our own sin.

- A. Acknowledges the Sin in the World (v.19-21, 25-29)
- B. Acknowledges the Sin in Ourselves (v.15-18, 24)

◆ **Gospel Applications:**

1. Our earthly life is a just a drop in the bucket compared to eternity!
2. An all-knowing and all-powerful God is in sovereign over our life!
3. True wisdom can only be found through faith in Jesus Christ!