

TITLE: Better is the end “one dimensional thinking.”

TEXT: *1Th 5:21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.*

Intro: Ecc 7:8 Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof: *and* the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.

III. * If I follow these people where do I end up

• If I follow this: Doctrine, Philosophy, way of life....

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***** None of that matters to me now.**

- There will come a time when what the results of your decisions will matter more than the immediate gratification.

III. Man who couldn't help his daughter that was in custody of drugged up mother.

Prop: Living now for a future result is a form of wisdom.

Trans:

Point:

Ecc 2:3 I sought in mine heart to give myself unto wine, (fancy living) yet acquainting mine heart with wisdom; and to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was that good for the sons of men, which they should do under the heaven all the days of their life.

Ecc 2:4 I made me great works; I builded me houses; I planted me vineyards: (I made the nicest mansions, had the best food at my finger tips)

Ecc 2:5 I made me gardens and orchards, and I planted trees in them of all kind of fruits: (I had all kinds of fruit trees.)

Ecc 2:6 I made me pools of water, to water therewith the wood that bringeth forth trees: (Exotic wood for decoration.)

Ecc 2:7 I got me servants and maidens, and had servants born in my house; (I had people waiting on me.) also I had great possessions of great and small cattle above all that were in Jerusalem before me: (Cattle so that all of my needs were met.)

Ecc 2:8 I gathered me also silver and gold, and the peculiar treasure of kings and of the provinces: I gat me men singers and women singers, and the delights of the sons of men, as musical instruments, and that of all sorts.

Ecc 2:9 So I was great, and increased more than all that were before me in Jerusalem: also my wisdom remained with me.

Ecc 2:10 And whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them, I withheld not my heart from any joy; for my heart rejoiced in all my labour: and this was my portion of all my labour.

Ecc 2:11 Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun.

Conc:

I. Wisdom demands that you plan early. (before you need it.)

Pro 1:20 Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets: Pro 1:21 She crieth in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates: in the city she uttereth her words, saying, Pro 1:22 How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorers delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge? Pro 1:23 Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.

Pro 1:24 Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; Pro 1:25 But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: Pro 1:26 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; Pro 1:27 When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. Pro 1:28 Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: Pro 1:29 For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD: Pro 1:30 They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof. Pro 1:31 Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices. Pro 1:32 For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them. Pro 1:33 But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

- Count the cost first. Luk 14:28 *For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? Luk 14:29 Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him,*

• You must see the end of the matter and act now.

III. Sitting in the doctors office with the news you had a heart attack— Then you'll change your life style.

III. Visiting your child in jail or standing at your childs funeral

II. You must see the end of a matter and make a plan. 1Th 5:21 *Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.*

• Walk Circumspectly: *Eph 5:15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Eph 5:16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Eph 5:17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. Eph 5:18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;*

• Be prudent: *Pro 22:3 A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.*

- What are the pitfalls ahead: What's your plan to protect your children spiritually—Prov 22:6 train up a child.

- Financial plan for the future

- What are you doing to protect yourself:

*Pro 19:11 The discretion (also translated **policy**. From root =to be (causeatively make or act) circumspect and hence intelligent:) of a man deferreth (holds off) his anger (means nose or nostril by implication it means heavy breathing or passion i.e. anger) (It keeps you from being a hot head) ; and it is his glory (ornament or beauty) to pass over (get over or avoid) a transgression. (rebellion from the root to break away from a just authority)*

III. Once in motion let God move you where He wants.

- *Pro 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. **Pro 3:6** In all thy ways acknowledge him, and **he shall direct thy paths.** Pro 3:7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.*

III Throwing a man—You need motion.

* **MOTION:** - *Rev 3:15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. Rev 3:16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth.*

Pro 29:18 Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

Pro 16:1 The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the LORD.

Pro 11:14 Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counselors there is safety.