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Ecclesiastes 10 KJV

10 Dead flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking savour: so doth a little folly him that is in reputation for wisdom and honour. 2 A wise man's heart is at his right hand; but a fool's heart at his left. 3 Yea also, when he that is a fool walketh by the way, his wisdom faileth him, and he saith to every one that he is a fool. 4 If the spirit of the ruler rise up against thee, leave not thy place; for yielding pacifieth great offences. 5 There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, as an error which proceedeth from the ruler: 6 Folly is set in great dignity, and the rich sit in low place.

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7 I have seen servants upon horses, and princes walking as servants upon the earth. 8 He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it; and whoso breaketh an hedge, a serpent shall bite him. 9 Whoso removeth stones shall be hurt therewith; and he that cleaveth wood shall be endangered thereby. 10 If the iron be blunt, and he do not whet the edge, then must he put to more strength: but wisdom is profitable to direct. 11 Surely the serpent will bite without enchantment; and a babbler is no better. 12 The words of a wise man's mouth are gracious; but the lips of a fool will swallow up himself.

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13 The beginning of the words of his mouth is foolishness: and the end of his talk is mischievous madness. 14 A fool also is full of words: a man cannot tell what shall be; and what shall be after him, who can tell him? 15 The labour of the foolish wearieth every one of them, because he knoweth not how to go to the city. 16 Woe to thee, O land, when thy king is a child, and thy princes eat in the morning! 17 Blessed art thou, O land, when thy king is the son of nobles, and thy princes eat in due season, for strength, and not for drunkenness! 18 By much slothfulness the building decayeth; and through idleness of the hands the house droppeth through.

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Ecclesiastes 10 KJV

19 A feast is made for laughter, and wine maketh merry: but money answereth all things. 20 Curse not the king, no not in thy thought; and curse not the rich in thy bedchamber: for a bird of the air shall carry the voice, and that which hath wings shall tell the matter.

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Theme

Small choices shape the direction of a life - wisdom in daily habits protects us, while small acts of folly can quietly undo much good.

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Wisdom in Everyday Life:

Ecclesiastes 10:1–20



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Small Choices Matter – Use Careful Thought

- Even a little foolishness can damage a good reputation. (Ecclesiastes 10:1)
- Faithfulness in small things builds trustworthy character, as Jesus taught.

10 He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much. (Luke 16:10 KJV)

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Small Choices Matter – Use Careful Thought

- Small compromises spread quickly, like yeast working through dough.

***9 A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.
(Galatians 5:9 KJV)***

- Small words can cause great harm, for the tongue can “set on fire” much.

***5 Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!
(James 3:5 KJV)***

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Small Choices Matter – Use Careful Thought

- Wisdom begins with small thoughts, taking “every thought captive” to Jesus.

***5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;
(2 Corinthians 10:5 KJV)***

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Discussion Questions

- What small habit has helped or harmed your peace lately?
- Where do you see “little foxes” quietly eroding something good in your life?

***15 Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines:
for our vines have tender grapes.
(Song of Solomon 2:15 KJV)***

- What is one small choice you could change this week to strengthen your walk with God?

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Words Have Power – Speak with Grace

- Words reveal the heart.

34 O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. (Matthew 12:34 KJV)

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Words Have Power – Speak with Grace

- Words can give life or cause harm, because “death and life are in the power of the tongue.”

9 Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. 10 Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. 11 Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter? 12 Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh. (James 3:9–12 KJV)

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Words Have Power – Speak with Grace

- Wise speech builds others up, as Paul commands: speak only what gives grace.

29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. (Ephesians 4:29 KJV)

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Words Have Power – Speak with Grace

- Good speech grows from good character, like a good tree bearing good fruit.

17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. (Matthew 7:17–18 KJV)

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Words Have Power – Speak with Grace

- Truth must be spoken with love, the mark of mature Christian speech.

15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: (Ephesians 4:15 KJV)

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Discussion Questions

- How do your private, everyday words reflect your [heart](#) before God?
- When have your words recently built someone up or torn someone down?
- What small change in speech could bring more peace into your relationships?

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Work Faithfully – Honor God with Deeds

- Work done for the Lord is worship.
- 23 And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; (Colossians 3:23 KJV)***
- Neglect leads to need, like the sluggard who has nothing at harvest.

4 The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing. (Proverbs 20:4 KJV)

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Work Faithfully – Honor God with Deeds

- Faithful work prepares us for Jesus' return, like the servant found working.

43 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. (Luke 12:43 KJV)

- Work is part of Christian community life.

10 For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat. (2 Thessalonians 3:10 KJV)

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Work Faithfully – Honor God with Deeds

- We are God's workmanship, created for good works done with care.

10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. (Ephesians 2:10 KJV)

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Discussion Questions

- What daily task becomes more meaningful when you remember you are doing it for the Lord?
- Where do you struggle most with follow through or diligence?
- What is one small act of faithfulness you can complete this week?

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Practical Applications

- Strengthen One Small Habit - Choose one small daily habit that needs attention & practice it faithfully this week.
- Pause Before Speaking - Take a brief moment before responding to make sure your words build up, not tear down.
- Do Daily Tasks for the Lord - Treat simple chores or responsibilities as quiet acts of worship to God.

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Practical Applications

- Invite Honest Feedback - Ask a trusted friend to share one small habit that helps them & one that makes life harder.
- Follow Through on One Commitment - Pick one unfinished or neglected commitment & complete it with care this week.

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Small Habits That Help Peace

- Greeting Others Warmly - A simple “good morning” builds connection & lifts the atmosphere.
- Using a Gentle Tone - Soft, patient speech keeps conversations calm & friendly.
- Keeping Personal Space Neat - A tidy room reduces stress & creates a sense of order.
- Showing Daily Gratitude - Thankfulness encourages joy in yourself & others.

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Small Habits That Help Peace

- Listening Without Interrupting - Full attention strengthens trust & friendships.
- Participating in Activities - Joining group events builds community & reduces loneliness.
- Offering Encouraging Words - Simple compliments brighten someone’s day.
- Keeping a Calm Pace - Moving slowly & steadily reduces anxiety & accidents.

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Small Habits That Help Peace

- Checking on a Neighbor – A quick visit or kind question builds mutual care.
- Maintaining a Short Prayer Routine - A brief daily prayer brings spiritual grounding & peace.

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Small Habits That Harm Peace

- Speaking Harshly - Sharp or impatient words create tension & hurt feelings.
- Complaining Frequently - Constant negativity drains joy from yourself & others.
- Interrupting Conversations - Cutting people off causes frustration & discourages sharing.
- Withdrawing Too Often - Staying isolated too much increases sadness & weakens community bonds.

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Small Habits That Harm Peace

- Rushing Through Tasks - Moving too fast raises stress & increases the chance of falls or mistakes.
- Leaving Clutter Around - Messy spaces create irritation & make daily living harder.
- Ignoring Scheduled Activities - Skipping routines can lead to boredom & disconnection.
- Using Negative Self-Talk - Quiet, repeated discouragement harms emotional peace.

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Small Habits That Harm Peace

- Being Chronically Late - Lateness disrupts group harmony & causes frustration.
- Holding Onto Small Grievances - Keeping minor hurts alive steals peace & strains relationships.

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Biblical Heart

- The Heart Is the Center of Thoughts - In Scripture, the heart is where thinking, reasoning & inner decisions are formed.
- The Heart Holds Our Deepest Motives - It is the place where desires, intentions & hidden motivations live.
- The Heart Reflects Our True Character - Jesus taught that words & actions flow from the heart, revealing who we really are.

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Heart & Soul

- The heart is what shapes how you speak, react & relate to others.
- The soul is the deeper “you”, the part God saves, restores & holds forever.
- The heart influences your daily peace.
- The soul anchors your eternal hope.

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Biblical Heart

- The Heart Is the Seat of Emotions - Joy, sorrow, fear, peace & love all rise from the heart in biblical language.
- The Heart Is the Spiritual Center - It is the place where faith, trust & responsiveness to God take root.

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Prayer Requests

- Anna – Lord will lavish His blessings upon her homeless friends who are experiencing medical & financial issues.
- Terry – Lord will lavish His blessings upon all the local homeless.
- Fran – Lord will bless her, 3 sons & family with His peace & the gift of salvation.
- John – Lord will bless his friend Larry will healing & complete recovery from his recent open-heart surgery.
- Sheila – Lord will continue to guide her speech to be a blessing & not a curse to others.
- Sergio – Lord will bless him with good physical & mental health.
- Laura – Lord will lead her to be more positive in her relationships.
- Silvia – Lord will bless her with the ability to “bridle” her words & lavish His blessings upon our country.
- Roberta – Lord will give her assurance that her son, grandson & great grandson (Cameron) are saved.
- Steve – Lord will bless him with the best medical care.
- Ed – Lord will relieve his wife’s chronic trigeminal pain.

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