

Message-based Study

Connection

What is something dumb that you have done recently?

Content

Anything outside the domain of wisdom can be called folly.

Wisdom is solid; wisdom calls out to you. It demands a response and it brings life to you.

Folly is pushy, it calls out to entice you.

It demands a response, twists the truth of God, and can lead to death.

Solomon wrote these words in Ecclesiastes 10:1, "As dead flies cause even a bottle of perfume to stink, so a little foolishness spoils great wisdom and honor."

What does this verse say to you?

Life Lesson #1: When We Seek God With All Of Our Heart, He Will Be Found

Seeking God With All Our Heart Goes Beyond Desire And Always Involves Our Actions

If we want to change our situation we need to take action.

1. As King David passes the baton of leadership to Solomon, he exhorts Solomon to stay focused on God. David knew this would be a struggle. Read 1 Kings 2:1-2. For you, what crowds your heart and life so much that you can't fit in the more important things?

2. Read Psalm 90:12. We don't have forever; what is something in your life you need to "take courage" on and take action in which perhaps you have been delaying or even fearing?

A Desire To Seek God Doesn't Make Us Immune To Compromise.

Solomon is most well known for his writing and wealth among the kings of that time, yet he made many mistakes before the Lord. Read 1 Kings 3:1-5.

3. One of Solomon's compromises is seen in 1 Kings 3:2-4. Read Deuteronomy 12:1-4 to see how God had instructed his people in this long before. How do you think Solomon got to this place of compromise?

Compromise begins with the thought "I know best." How is this evident in Solomon?

Where in your life have you experienced this?

4. If you go before God, regardless of how broken you may feel, and say "God I need you" He will hear you. What is one of your favorite methods to go before God?

The Promise Of God's Presence Will Never Fail Us

Solomon's story continues in 1 Kings 3:5 as the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying to Solomon, "What do you want? Ask and I will give it to you!"

4. Psalms 86 reminds us of some of the attributes of God. Read this passage and list words that describe our God.

5. John 1:16-17 reminds us that out of the fullness of God we have received grace through Jesus Christ. How is God's grace evident in Solomon's life in the scene we observed in 1 Kings 3?

Have you seen evidence of God extending grace to you recently?

Commitment

When we seek God with all our heart, He will be found. Proverbs 3:5-6 reminds us that God will make your path forward in life straight and all you need to do is "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding."

What is the greatest obstacle or hurdle you face in trusting God plan for your life and not leaning on your own understanding? What commitment can you make today to begin changing it?