



A MEANINGFUL LIFE IN A MEANINGLESS WORLD

A Word to the Wise

Ecclesiastes 10:1-20 • Message #10

1. Folly _____ Everything
2. The Wise Live in _____; the Fool Goes _____
3. The Wise Are _____
4. Folly is _____ - _____
5. Wisdom is _____
6. Wisdom Requires _____
7. The Wise Speak _____; Fools _____ Control
8. Foolish Leaders Are a _____; the Wise Are a _____

TAKE HOME TRUTH

_____ *for wisdom*; _____ *folly*.

Next Week – Ecclesiastes 11:1-10

Growing Deeper

Small Group Discussion Question

1. How would you summarize the characteristics of a fool: Eccl 2:14; 4:5; 5:4; 7:9; 9:17; see references in this chapter too.
2. Abraham and Lot went in different directions. Can you think of other biblical examples that made wise or unwise choices? What can we learn from them?
3. Most Christians can distinguish between good and evil. Why is it sometimes difficult to make wise decisions?
4. Note other references that help us with our words?
5. How did this chapter speak to you?



Just a Moment

with Pastor Fred

I love the story of the family who had invited the pastor and his wife over for dinner one Saturday evening. Trying to show off, the woman of the house asked her 6 year old son to pray for the meal. A tad shy he said he didn't know what to say. Mom said, "Just pray as you've heard me." So the lad said, "Dear Lord, why did I invite pastor over tonight."

1 Pet 4:9, *Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.* Peter was a realist, hospitality can become time consuming. And yet it is a command – not a suggestion. Hospitality is love in action. Within the family of God we discover relationships that surpass blood. Salvation unites us as family members. We open our hearts by opening our homes. It's in our homes that we get to know each other – over the kitchen table with a cup of coffee or relaxed in the living room with a bowl of popcorn.

We at HBC need to make hospitality a priority, Rom 12:13, *practice hospitality.* We're to think about it – plan for it, prepare for it, pray about it – seek opportunities in which to practice it. We must yield ourselves to it. Remember, hospitality isn't to *impress* others – it's done to *express* God's love. The truth is if we don't schedule it in our crowded calendars it won't happen. Pick a time. Keep it simple – don't think the house must be spotless or the food a 6-course meal. One of the greatest blessings our family enjoyed together when the kids were with us was the ministry of hospitality. They grew up expecting people to be in our home. It wasn't an obligation – but a tremendous opportunity. What rich memories we share – the blessings have truly been ours.



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Prince of Peace ~ ISAIAH 9:6

Prelude
Call to Worship

*O Come O Come Emmanuel
Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Advent Candle
Angels We Have Heard on High

Scripture Reading
Pastoral Prayer

Emmanuel

A Word to the Wise
Pastor Fred Froman

In the Bleak Midwinter

Benediction
Special Prayer

THE LORD'S DAY
December 3, 2023

Corporate worship is designed to remind you to make sure your life today is shaped by the surety and glory of what God has promised you that final day yet to come.

*Loving God,
Loving People*

Infant/Toddler Nursery

Sunday School / ABF: Joe & Charlie Ann Cecil
Worship Service: Barb Bush, Kelly Mattox, Gina Froman

This Week

Small Groups meet today and this week

Today

9:00am	Coffee & Fellowship
9:30am	Sunday School / ABF
10:30am	Worship Service
11:45am	Business Meeting

Wednesday, December 6

10:30am	Senior Saints
7:00pm	Praise Team

Friday, December 8

6:00pm	Ladies Christmas Tea
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Announcements

A Special Business Meeting has been called to affirm the proposed strategic plan for 2024-2027. Copies are on the kiosk. Also we will vote on changing our quorum count from 50% to 40%.

The Christmas Ladies Tea is this Friday night! We are in need of men to serve as waiters. Please sign up on the table in the foyer. Ladies, today is the last opportunity to purchase your tickets.

Christmas Caroling will be next Sunday beginning at 5 pm. Dress warm as we visit our shut-ins with Christmas cheer. We will return to the church for hot chocolate.

Free! There are six filing cabinets near the stairs going to the fellowship hall. Last chance!

The Proclamation of Christmas will be an adult and children's choir presentation on December 24 at 10:30 am. Use the enclosed flyer or there are 3x5 cards on the kiosk to invite others. No Sunday School or Adult Bible Fellowships that day.

Christmas for our Shut-ins - Packages will be assembled on Wednesday, December 13. If you would like to share in this, please bring your items by Sunday, December 10 and leave in the church office. A list of suggested items are on the bulletin board. If you have questions contact Ron Gerard.

Senior Saints Christmas Luncheon will be December 20, 11:30am at Buddies in Holt. For more information, see Ron Gerard.

HBC is the sending church for the Josh and Carissa Bell family, serving in West Africa. The missions team recently asked the Bells for a "wishlist" of items they need or want. Included here is a link to that list. If you are interested, you can order directly from this link. Local friends, Jeff & Melanie Wyman, will be visiting the Bells in January and have agreed to take these gifts to the Bells for us. The items on the list will be shipped directly to the Wyman's home. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ann Krepps or Cindy Price for assistance. <https://www.amazon.com/registries/gf/guest-view/2AGQ38HOXV9ZC>

Are you interested in knowing more about HBC? Come to Discovering God's People, Sunday, January 14 from 5-7 pm. This class is the first step in church membership.

HBC Men's Laser Tag, Sunday, January 14 at 2:30 pm. Cost \$32. See Joe Cecil for more information.

Prayer Requests

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.
Colossians 4:2

General Requests & Praise

- Josh & Carissa Bell in Senegal
- Katherine Moore - residency program
- Those seeking certification with ACBC
- For HBC to grow deeper spiritually and reach out to others
- Proposed Strategic Plan

Physical Needs

- Bob Helmuth - cancer, palliative care
- Susan Cecil (Dan & Clair) - at home gaining weight
- Naomi Cecil (Dan & Clair) - Sparrow
- Ethan Cecil (Joe & Charlie) - bronchitis
- Israel Cecil (Joe & Charlie) - DeVos Children's GR
- Cherie VanValkenburgh - serious health issues
- Cheryl Woodruff (Melissa Hurley's step-mom) - lung cancer
- Mary Hayes - bariatric surgery Dec 6
- Myra Fuehring (Kelly Troxell's mom) - cardio ablation Dec 21
- Ethan Cecil - continued healing and growth
- Josh Bell - back pain management
- Paula Orth (former member) - recovery after surgery
- Sherry Back (former member) - palliative care
- Stef Bolthouse (Froman's daughter) - endometriosis, appt Dec 22

Praying Biblically - Psalm 138:1-3

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart. I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks for your steadfast love and faithfulness. On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased. The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me, Your love endures for ever. Amen

Prayer Family of the Week

Paul & Mary Ann Krepps

Shut in of the Week

Carolyn Groner



Greeters for December 3

Donna Kimmel
Barney Yeager
Jan & Colleen Peck

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kaylen Elliott	December 4
Graig Hayes	December 6