# Wisdom from Ecclesiastes: Life Lessons from Solomon



Explore Solomon's reflections on wisdom and life's meaning in Ecclesiastes through a 21-day guided Bible study plan.





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#### Introduction

Welcome to your 21-day journey through the Book of Ecclesiastes! This ancient wisdom text, attributed to Solomon, the wisest man in biblical history, offers profound insights into the nature of life, meaning, and true wisdom. As you embark on this study, you'll encounter reflections that challenge worldly views, revealing the fleeting nature of many pursuits and pointing toward a deeper understanding of what truly matters.

*Ecclesiastes* grapples with questions that we all face: Why do we do what we do? What satisfaction do our efforts bring? Is there lasting purpose beyond the daily toils? Solomon, though wealthy and wise, acknowledges life's frustrations and seeks to sift through them to find lasting value. His reflections are timeless, encouraging believers today to reflect deeply and align their lives with divine wisdom.

Over the next 21 days, you'll read primary scriptures from Ecclesiastes supplemented by supporting passages that illuminate various facets of wisdom. Each day features a devotional to unpack the text's meaning, reflection questions to deepen your understanding, journaling prompts to engage personally, and a prayer to help you internalize and apply the lesson.

Whether you are beginning your walk with God or seeking fresh spiritual insight, this study aims to refresh your understanding of wisdom's role in life and eternity. Get ready to be challenged, encouraged, and inspired as you explore life lessons in wisdom through Solomon's eyes.

















#### Your Verse

Ecclesiastes 1:1—3 NIV "The words of the Teacher, son of David, king in Jerusalem: 'Meaningless! Meaningless!' says the Teacher. 'Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless.'"

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Psalm 90:12 "Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom."
- Proverbs 3:13 "Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding."







#### Devotional: Starting with Life's True Meaning

Ecclesiastes opens with a powerful declaration: "Meaningless! Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless." Solomon, a man who had experienced great wealth, power, and pleasure, begins by acknowledging how transient and unsatisfying life's pursuits can be when viewed apart from God's purpose. This candid honesty draws us in because we often wrestle with questions about purpose and lasting value.

In this opening, Solomon is urging us not to settle for surface-level answers. True wisdom starts by recognizing that human efforts alone cannot fill the void. The quest for meaning is deeply rooted in understanding life's fleeting nature and looking beyond the temporal. As you begin this study, ask God to open your eyes to His eternal perspective.

Consider how your own pursuits reflect or contrast with Solomon's initial conclusion. Are you chasing things that ultimately leave you empty? This study will coax us toward seeing wisdom as more than knowledge; it's the guide to living with meaning in God's grand design.







## Reflect and Apply

1. V	What in your life feels temporary or meaningless right now?
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	How does Solomon's honesty about life's vanity resonate with your experiences?
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	n what ways can recognizing life's fleeting nature lead you to greater wisdom?
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## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Describe a moment when you realized some earthly pursuits do not satisfy.
2.	Write about your current understanding of 'meaning' in life.
3.	List areas where you desire God's wisdom to guide you.







#### Prayer for Today

**Lord,** as I begin this journey through Ecclesiastes, *give me open eyes to see* the fleeting nature of earthly things and a seeking heart for Your eternal wisdom. Help me not to be discouraged but to ask You for understanding that leads to true meaning and purpose. May my life not be defined by what fades, but by what lasts through You. *Guide my steps and thoughts this day.* Amen.



















Day 2: 🗱 Pursuit of Pleasure Explored

#### Your Verse

Ecclesiastes 2:1 NIV "I said to myself, 'Come now, I will test you with pleasure to find out what is good.' But that also proved to be meaningless."

#### Supporting Scriptures

- Psalm 16:11 "In Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore."
- 1 John 2:15 "Do not love the world or anything in the world."







Day 2: 🗱 Pursuit of Pleasure Explored

#### Devotional: When Pleasure Fails to Satisfy

Solomon explores whether pleasure can bring true satisfaction. Despite indulging in laughter, wine, and all forms of enjoyment, he concludes these too are "meaningless." This can be surprising because pleasure is often viewed as a significant life goal.

However, Solomon's insight reveals that pleasure disconnected from purpose or relationship with God is empty. It's like filling a cup with water that constantly leaks. Temporary pleasures cannot fill the soul's deepest longings.

God created pleasure, but it must be enjoyed with wisdom and in right relationship to Him. True joy flows from Him and transcends momentary happiness. Today, reflect on whether your pursuits of enjoyment bring lasting fulfillment or leave you wanting more.

Remember, this doesn't reject pleasure but reframes how we view and seek it. Pleasure aligned with God's design is a good gift; misplaced pleasure can be a deceptive trap.







Day 2: 🎇 Pursuit of Pleasure Explored

## Reflect and Apply

1.	What pleasures do you seek that might be missing true significance?
2.	How would pursuing God-centered joy differ from worldly pleasure?
3.	Are there areas where you feel pleasure becoming an idol?







Day 2: 🞇 Pursuit of Pleasure Explored

#### **Journaling Prompts**

	Write about a time when a pleasurable experience did not meet your expectations.
2.	Reflect on how your faith shapes your enjoyment of good things.
3.	Identify ways to seek joy that honors God.







Day 2: 🗱 Pursuit of Pleasure Explored

#### Prayer for Today

**Dear God,** help me discern true joy from fleeting pleasure. *Guard my heart against chasing empty satisfactions and teach me to find delight in You, the source of lasting happiness.* May my desires align with Your will and my enjoyment bring glory to You. Strengthen me to live wisely, appreciating good things without being defined by them. Amen.









## Day 3: **%** The Futility of Toil









Day 3: X The Futility of Toil

#### Your Verse

Ecclesiastes 2:18—19 NIV "I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun... who will sigh and who will enjoy them?"

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Colossians 3:23 "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord."
- Psalm 127:1 "Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain."







Day 3: X The Futility of Toil

#### Devotional: Finding Meaning in Our Work

Solomon reflects on the frustrations of toiling for possessions and achievements. Even after great work, he wonders who will ultimately enjoy what he has gained. This highlights a tension between effort and lasting significance.

Work is ordained by God, but when our labor becomes a mere chase for selfglory or material gain, it can feel empty. Solomon's questioning invites us to consider the purpose behind our work and what truly lasts.

Are we building for eternity or accumulating temporary treasures? This devotional encourages us to work with eternal perspective, relying on God's purpose to find meaning in our daily labor.

Take heart that God sees your efforts and can transform even ordinary work into something honoring Him when done in faith.







Day 3: 🎇 The Futility of Toil

## Reflect and Apply

1.	How do you view your own work—necessary toil or a meaningful calling?
2.	What eternal values can you incorporate into your daily efforts?
	How might reliance on God change your perspective about work frustrations?







Day 3: 🎇 The Futility of Toil

#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Describe a time when hard work felt futile and how you responded.
2.	Write about ways to honor God in your daily tasks.
3.	List ways you can shift your work mindset toward eternity.







Day 3: X The Futility of Toil

#### Prayer for Today

**Lord,** thank You for giving me the ability to work. *Help me to remember that my labor, when done for You, is never wasted.* Give me strength to persevere through frustration and wisdom to keep my eyes on the eternal prize. May my work reflect Your glory, and may I find joy beyond the toil. Amen.

















Day 4: God's Timing and Sovereignty

#### Your Verse

Ecclesiastes 3:1 NIV "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Romans 8:28 "In all things God works for the good of those who love Him."
- Psalm 31:15 "My times are in Your hands."







Day 4: God's Timing and Sovereignty

#### Devotional: Trusting God's Perfect Timing

One of Ecclesiastes' most famous passages reminds us that life has seasons, and everything happens in God's appointed time. This assurance can ease anxiety about unanswered questions and the mysteries of life's happenings.

God's sovereignty over seasons invites us to trust in His timing rather than strive in our own strength or become impatient. The rhythms of life—birth, death, joy, sorrow—fit within His purposeful design.

Accepting God's timing brings peace and helps us live wisely in the present moment. It also reminds us that wisdom includes patience and trust.

As you consider the seasons in your life, reflect on areas where God's timing feels unclear and invite Him to increase your faith.







Day 4: God's Timing and Sovereignty

## Reflect and Apply

1.	What seasons are you currently experiencing in your life?
2.	How do you respond when God's timing seems delayed or confusing?
3.	In what ways can accepting God's timing enhance your wisdom?







Day 4: God's Timing and Sovereignty

## **Journaling Prompts**

Write about a past season where God's timing was evident.
Reflect on current challenges related to waiting or change.
List ways to grow in trust during uncertain seasons.







Day 4: God's Timing and Sovereignty

#### Prayer for Today

















Day 5: Embracing Justice and Righteousness

#### Your Verse

Ecclesiastes 3:16 NIV "And I saw something else under the sun: In the place of judgment—wickedness was there, in the place of justice—wickedness was there."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Proverbs 21:15 "When justice is done, it brings joy to the righteous but terror to evildoers."
- Micah 6:8 "Act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with your God."







Day 5: Tembracing Justice and Righteousness

#### Devotional: Living Out Justice in an Unjust World

Solomon observes injustice even in places meant for judgment. This sobering reflection acknowledges that the world often falls short of God's perfect standard. However, the recognition of injustice is the first step toward living rightly.

God calls believers to pursue justice, mercy, and humility, even when the world seems corrupt. Wisdom includes discerning right from wrong and acting courageously to mirror God's character.

Though injustice exists under the sun, God's ultimate justice prevails. Until then, we are called to be agents of righteousness in our spheres of influence.

Consider today how you can embody justice and mercy in your community and relationships.







Day 5: Day 5: Embracing Justice and Righteousness

## Reflect and Apply

	Have you witnessed or experienced injustice recently? How did it affect you?
2.	What steps can you take to promote justice or mercy today?
3.	How does God's ultimate justice influence your daily decisions?







Day 5: Embracing Justice and Righteousness

## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Describe your personal convictions about justice and righteousness.
2.	Reflect on ways you can practice mercy in your life.
3.	Write about a challenge you face in living justly.







Day 5: Day 5: Embracing Justice and Righteousness

#### Prayer for Today









## Day 6: P The Gift of Wisdom









Day 6: P The Gift of Wisdom

#### Your Verse

Ecclesiastes 7:12 NIV "Wisdom preserves those who have it."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Proverbs 2:6 "For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding."
- James 1:5 "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God."







Day 6: P The Gift of Wisdom

#### Devotional: Seeking God's Preserving Wisdom

Wisdom is more than knowledge; it is a protective and preserving gift from God. Solomon here reminds us that wisdom arms us against the pitfalls of life, offering guidance and clarity amid confusion.

But wisdom is not acquired through intellect alone; it is a divine gift accessible when we seek it humbly. We are encouraged to ask God for wisdom, who generously provides it to those who seek.

As you reflect on this, ask yourself if you are actively pursuing God's wisdom daily. Consider how it preserves your soul, relationships, and integrity.

Allow the promise of wisdom's preserving power to motivate you today.







Day 6: 🖓 The Gift of Wisdom

## Reflect and Apply

How do you currently seek wisdom in your daily decisions?
Can you recall a time when wisdom helped protect you?
In what areas do you need to ask God for wisdom now?







Day 6: 🖓 The Gift of Wisdom

## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write a prayer asking God for wisdom in a specific area.
	Reflect on mistakes made when wisdom was lacking and lessons learned.
3.	List ways to cultivate wisdom through Bible study and prayer.







Day 6: P The Gift of Wisdom

#### Prayer for Today

**Lord,** I recognize my need for Your wisdom every day. *Please grant me understanding, guidance, and discernment.* Preserve me from foolishness and help me walk in Your truth. Teach me to seek Your voice above all else. Amen.  $\bigcirc$ 









# Day 7: 💋 The Value of Moderation









Day 7: **//** The Value of Moderation

#### Your Verse

Ecclesiastes 7:16 NIV "Do not be overly righteous, neither be overly wise—why destroy yourself?"

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Philippians 4:5 "Let your gentleness be evident to all."
- Proverbs 25:16 "Do not eat too much honey, or you will vomit."







Day 7: **B** The Value of Moderation

#### Devotional: Wisdom in Balanced Living

**Ecclesiastes teaches the virtue of balance and moderation.** Solomon warns against extremes, whether in righteousness or wisdom, as they can lead to self-destruction.

True wisdom recognizes limits and practices humility rather than self-righteousness or obsession with knowledge. It leads to gentleness and thoughtful living.

Balance in life—between work and rest, speaking and listening, exercising judgment and grace—is a hallmark of mature wisdom. Instead of pushing to extremes, cultivate a spirit that embraces moderation as life-giving.

Ask God to help you identify areas where imbalance may be causing harm and invite His grace to restore harmony.







Day 7: **B** The Value of Moderation

## Reflect and Apply

1.	Where in your life might you be leaning toward extremes?
2.	How can practicing moderation improve your well-being?
3.	What role does humility play in balanced wisdom?







Day 7: **B** The Value of Moderation

## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	List areas where you need more balance and why.
2	Write about how extremes have impacted your relationships or health.
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3.	Describe steps you can take toward moderation daily.







Day 7: **//** The Value of Moderation

#### Prayer for Today

**God,** teach me to live with balance and moderation. *Remove pride and extremes from my heart.* Help me to pursue wisdom with humility and gentleness. Let Your peace rule in my life as I seek harmony in all things. Amen.

















Day 8: <a>A</a> Remembering Our Mortality

#### Your Verse

Ecclesiastes 7:2 NIV "It is better to go to a house of mourning than to go to a house of feasting... this is the end of all humanity."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Psalm 90:3 "You turn people back to dust, saying, 'Return to dust, you mortals.'"
- Hebrews 9:27 "People are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment."







Day 8: <a>A</a> Remembering Our Mortality

#### Devotional: Wisdom in Facing Mortality

Solomon challenges us to face the reality of death honestly. While we tend to avoid death and suffering, he suggests that contemplating mortality can give wisdom.

Remembering death brings clarity to what really matters, reminding us that earthly status and pleasures are temporary. It encourages us to live purposefully and wisely.

Embracing the truth of our mortality can deepen our dependence on God and sharpen our priorities. Instead of fearing death, let it awaken you to live for what lasts beyond this life.

Reflect today on how awareness of mortality can redirect your actions and heart.







Day 8: 🕰 Remembering Our Mortality

## Reflect and Apply

1.	How often do you think about the temporary nature of life?
2.	How can remembering death motivate you toward wise living?
3.	What fears or questions about mortality do you need to bring to God?







Day 8: 🕰 Remembering Our Mortality

## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write your honest thoughts about death and eternity.
2.	Reflect on how mortality affects your daily decisions.
3.	Ask God to help you live with eternal perspective.







Day 8: 🕰 Remembering Our Mortality

#### Prayer for Today

**Lord,** help me to face the reality of death with faith, not fear. *Teach me to live wisely each day knowing that life is brief.* Help me hold eternal treasures close and trust Your plan for my life and beyond. Amen.

















Day 9: 🎔 The Strength of Companionship

#### Your Verse

Ecclesiastes 4:9—10 NIV "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Proverbs 27:17 "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."
- Hebrews 10:24–25 "Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds."







Day 9: 🍑 The Strength of Companionship

# Devotional: Flourishing Through Meaningful Relationships

Solomon acknowledges the value of relationships and community.

Companionship provides encouragement, accountability, and strength—especially in difficult times.

Wisdom recognizes that we are not meant to walk life alone. We flourish when lifted up by others and when we offer support back.

God designs community as part of His wisdom for human flourishing. Whether in friendships, family, or faith communities, strong relationships enrich life and deepen understanding.

Reflect on the role of others in your life and how you can both receive and give support wisely.







Day 9: 🎔 The Strength of Companionship

## Reflect and Apply

1.	Who are your closest companions that help lift you up?
2.	How do you invest in building strong, wise relationships?
3.	Are there areas where you need to ask for or offer support?







Day 9: 🎔 The Strength of Companionship

## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a time when a friend encouraged you.
2.	Reflect on how you can be a better friend or encourager.
3.	Identify relationships you want to nurture going forward.







Day 9: 🍑 The Strength of Companionship

#### Prayer for Today

**Father,** thank You for the gift of community. *Help me to nurture relationships that build me up and to be a source of encouragement to others.* Teach me the wisdom to both receive help and offer it with grace. Surround me with godly companions. Amen.  $\heartsuit$ 

















#### Your Verse

Ecclesiastes 10:12 NIV "Words from the mouth of the wise are gracious, but fools are consumed by their own lips."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Proverbs 15:1 "A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger."
- James 3:5 "The tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts."







#### Devotional: Speaking with Grace and Wisdom

Words carry immense power to build up or tear down. Solomon reminds us that wise speech is gracious and life-giving, while foolish words can consume us with trouble.

Our speech reflects the condition of our hearts. Wisdom teaches us to speak with kindness, truth, and timing.

Practicing restraint and encouragement in speech honors God and nurtures relationships. It also preserves our character and influence.

Today, reflect on your communication habits and seek God's wisdom to speak life and peace.







## Reflect and Apply

	How do your words typically affect others—do they build up or tear lown?
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- 2. V	What changes can you make to speak more graciously?
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3. V	When have words caused trouble, and how could wisdom have helped?
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## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a positive or negative impact your words have had.
2.	Reflect on specific phrases you want to avoid or use more often.
3.	Ask God for help to speak with wisdom and grace.







#### Prayer for Today

**Lord,** teach me to tame my tongue and use words that bring life. *Fill my* speech with grace and truth. Help me avoid foolish or harmful words and instead be a source of peace and encouragement. Guard my heart and lips today. Amen.  $\bigcirc$   $\bigcirc$   $\bigcirc$ 

















#### Your Verse

Ecclesiastes 5:18 NIV "This is what I have observed to be good: that it is appropriate for a person to eat, to drink and to find satisfaction in their toilsome labor."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- 1 Thessalonians 5:16—18 "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances."
- Psalm 118:24 "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."







#### Devotional: Appreciating Everyday Joys

**Solomon encourages us to embrace the simple joys God provides.** Finding satisfaction in our efforts and daily blessings is an essential aspect of wise living.

Gratitude for small gifts—food, work, relationships—enhances our contentment and honors God as the giver of all good things.

Joy is not about constant excitement but appreciating God's steady provision. This mindset shifts focus from craving more to celebrating what is.

Reflect on the blessings in your life today and cultivate a heart of thankfulness.







## Reflect and Apply

1.	What simple blessings bring you satisfaction and joy?
2.	How can gratitude transform your outlook on life?
3.	Are there ways you can better recognize God's gifts daily?







## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	List three simple blessings you are grateful for today.
2.	Write about a time you felt true contentment.
3.	Reflect on how gratitude affects your spiritual health.







#### Prayer for Today

**Gracious God,** thank You for the everyday blessings You provide. *Help me to find joy in simple things and be content.* Teach me to recognize Your hand in all I have and to give thanks with a grateful heart. May contentment grow in me each day. Amen.









# Day 12: 3 Wisdom in Decision Making









Day 12: 3 Wisdom in Decision Making

#### Your Verse

Ecclesiastes 5:1 NIV "Guard your steps when you go to the house of God."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Proverbs 3:5—6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart... He will make your paths straight."
- James 1:5 "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God."







#### Devotional: Taking Thoughtful Steps in Decisions

Solomon advises we act carefully and thoughtfully, especially in sacred spaces or moments. This principle extends to all decision-making—being deliberate and reflective.

Wise decisions come from humility, prayer, and reliance on God's guidance rather than impulsiveness or arrogance.

Seeking God first and guarding our steps saves us from regret and leads to fruitful outcomes. Remember the importance of pause, prayer, and counsel.

Today, consider how you make decisions and invite God's wisdom into the process.







Day 12: 3 Wisdom in Decision Making

## Reflect and Apply

1.	How intentional are you when making important decisions?
2.	Do you seek God's guidance before acting? How?
3.	What could help you make wiser choices moving forward?







Day 12: 3 Wisdom in Decision Making

## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a decision you recently made and its impact.
2.	Reflect on how prayer influenced decisions you've made.
3.	List practical ways to guard your steps in the future.
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Day 12: 3 Wisdom in Decision Making

#### Prayer for Today

**Lord,** guide my steps as I face decisions. *Help me seek You first and act with wisdom and prudence.* Grant me clarity and patience, so I do not rush into choices but walk in Your truth. Amen.









# Day 13: V Wisdom Protects the Heart









Day 13: Wisdom Protects the Heart

#### Your Verse

Ecclesiastes 7:5 NIV "It is better to heed the rebuke of a wise person than to listen to the song of fools."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Proverbs 12:1 "Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge."
- Hebrews 12:11 "No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful."







Day 13: Wisdom Protects the Heart

#### Devotional: Receiving Correction with Humility

Solomon emphasizes the value of correction and rebuke from the wise as protective wisdom. While rebuke may feel uncomfortable, it guards against folly and guides us back onto the right path.

Receiving correction requires humility and a teachable spirit, which are marks of wisdom.

Accepting rebuke helps protect your heart from the consequences of unwise choices and grows your character. Do not avoid correction but embrace it as a gift from God through others.

Reflect on your response to correction and invite God to cultivate a humble heart.







Day 13: **(**) Wisdom Protects the Heart

## Reflect and Apply

1.	How do you typically react to correction or criticism?
2.	Can you identify a time when correction led to growth?
3.	What barriers keep you from accepting wise rebuke?







Day 13: Visdom Protects the Heart

#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a recent experience of receiving correction.
2.	Reflect on why humility is vital for growth.
3.	Ask God to help you be open to guidance.







Day 13: Wisdom Protects the Heart

#### Prayer for Today

**Father,** give me a humble heart that welcomes correction. *Help me to see rebuke as a path to wisdom and growth, not pain or offense.* Teach me to listen, learn, and change according to Your truth. Amen. ① 🙏 🖓

















#### Your Verse

Ecclesiastes 7:9 NIV "Do not be quickly provoked in your spirit, for anger resides in the lap of fools."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Proverbs 29:11 "Fools give full vent to their rage."
- Ephesians 4:26 "In your anger do not sin."







#### Devotional: Cultivating Patience Over Anger

**Solomon warns against quick temper and uncontrolled anger.** While anger itself is not a sin, letting it control us leads to foolishness and harm.

Wisdom calls for patience, self-control, and discernment about when and how to express emotions.

Learning to manage anger reflects maturity and helps maintain peace in relationships. Ask God to help you respond with grace rather than impulsiveness.

Consider ways anger has affected your life and how you can develop greater control through His strength.







## Reflect and Apply

1.	What triggers your anger, and how do you usually respond?
2.	How does anger impact your relationships and decisions?
3.	What practical steps can you take to manage anger wisely?







## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a time when anger led to negative consequences.
2.	Reflect on emotions you struggle to control.
3.	Pray for God's empowerment to grow in patience.







#### Prayer for Today

**Lord,** help me to control my temper and respond with wisdom. *Grant me* patience and peace in moments of anger. Teach me to pause before reacting and to act in ways that honor You. Protect my relationships from the damage of rash words. Amen.  $\rag{3}$ 















#### Your Verse

Ecclesiastes 5:10 NIV "Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Proverbs 23:4 "Do not wear yourself out to get rich."
- Matthew 6:24 "You cannot serve both God and money."







#### **Devotional: Contentment Over Covetousness**

Solomon exposes the emptiness that comes from coveting wealth. The love of money is a trap that deceives the heart into endless striving without contentment.

True wisdom teaches gratitude and reliance on God rather than fixation on material gain.

Wealth in itself is not wrong, but when it becomes an idol, it destroys satisfaction and peace. Reflect on your attitude toward money and possessions and where your true treasure lies.

Seek God's guidance to live generously and thankfully.







## Reflect and Apply

1.	How do you feel about your financial situation?
2.	Have you ever experienced dissatisfaction despite having much?
3.	How can you cultivate contentment and generosity?







## **Journaling Prompts**

Describe your current mindset about money and possessions.
Reflect on temptations to idolize wealth in your life.
Write a prayer asking God for contentment and stewardship.







#### Prayer for Today

**God,** help me not to love money but to find satisfaction in You alone. *Teach me contentment and generosity, and guard my heart from greed.* May my life reflect Your priorities, not worldly riches. Amen.









# Day 16: Compassion









Day 16: (2) Living with Compassion

#### Your Verse

Ecclesiastes 4:9—10 NIV (reviewed) "Two are better than one... If either falls down, one can help the other up."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Colossians 3:12 "Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility."
- Galatians 6:2 "Carry each other's burdens."







Day 16: (2) Living with Compassion

#### Devotional: The Wisdom of Compassionate Living

Compassion and kindness are essential expressions of wisdom. Recognizing our shared struggles fosters empathy and strengthens community.

Loneliness and hardship are common, but God's wisdom encourages us to support one another, lifting each other up.

Living with compassion reflects God's heart and enriches both giver and receiver. Ask God to increase your sensitivity to others' needs and opportunities to serve.

Consider how acts of kindness can be part of your daily walk.







Day 16: 🙆 Living with Compassion

## Reflect and Apply

1.	Who in your community needs compassion and help?
2.	How do you show kindness in your daily interactions?
3.	What barriers keep you from acting compassionately?







Day 16: (2) Living with Compassion

## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a time you experienced or showed compassion.
2.	Reflect on how compassion has impacted your faith journey.
3.	Plan practical ways to increase kindness around you.







Day 16: (2) Living with Compassion

#### Prayer for Today

**Lord,** fill my heart with compassion and kindness. *Help me to see others* through Your eyes and serve them with joy and humility. Teach me to carry burdens and be a source of encouragement. Amen.  $\bigcirc$ 















#### Your Verse

Ecclesiastes 7:14 NIV "When times are good, be happy; but when times are bad, consider this: God has made the one as well as the other."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Romans 5:3—4 "Suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope."
- James 1:2-3 "Consider it pure joy when you face trials."







#### Devotional: Faithful Response in Life's Seasons

**Solomon reminds us that life includes both good and bad times.** Yet God sovereignly allows each season for our growth and His glory.

Wisdom lies in our responses: choosing to find joy amid prosperity and reflection amid hardship.

Adversity, while difficult, is an opportunity to trust God and develop character. Embrace each season as from God's hand and purpose-filled.

How can you cultivate faith and joy even in challenging moments?







## Reflect and Apply

1.	How have you handled adversity in the past?
2.	What lessons has hardship taught you about God?
3.	How can you foster joy and trust during trials?







## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a difficult season and God's role in it.
2.	Reflect on attitudes that helped or hindered you.
3.	Pray for strength to face current or future trials.







#### Prayer for Today

**God,** teach me to trust You in every season. *Help me rejoice in good times and find hope in hardships.* Strengthen my faith and refine my character through every circumstance. Amen. 4

















Day 18: Wisdom and Folly Contrasted

#### Your Verse

Ecclesiastes 10:1 NIV "As dead flies give perfume a bad smell, so a little folly outweighs wisdom and honor."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Proverbs 14:7 "Stay away from a fool, for you will not find knowledge on their lips."
- Romans 1:22 "Professing to be wise, they became fools."







Day 18: Wisdom and Folly Contrasted

## Devotional: Guarding Against the Cost of Folly

**Even a small act of foolishness can overpower a lifetime of wisdom.** Solomon uses vivid imagery to show how folly quickly destroys reputation and fruitfulness.

Wisdom requires vigilance to avoid small, careless sins or errors of judgment.

Ask God to help you guard your heart and mind against folly's subtle influences. Pursue humility, reflection, and accountability.

Consider habits or attitudes that might introduce folly and commit to rooting them out.







Day 18: Wisdom and Folly Contrasted

# Reflect and Apply

1.	What small foolish habits might be undermining your wisdom?
2.	How do you recover from moments of folly?
3.	Where can accountability protect you from foolishness?







Day 18: Wisdom and Folly Contrasted

# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about times when foolish choices had big consequences.
2.	Reflect on what triggers unwise decisions in your life.
3.	Set goals to grow in wisdom and avoid folly.







Day 18: Wisdom and Folly Contrasted

# Prayer for Today

**Lord,** protect me from foolishness that can ruin my testimony and life. *Keep me alert and humble, seeking Your wisdom daily.* Surround me with wise counsel and cleanse my heart from pride and carelessness. Amen.  $\bigcirc$ 







# Day 19: The Heart of Wisdom is Fear of the Lord









Day 19: Very The Heart of Wisdom is Fear of the Lord

#### Your Verse

Ecclesiastes 12:13 NIV "Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the duty of all mankind."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Proverbs 9:10 "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."
- Psalm 111:10 "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow His precepts have good understanding."







Day 19: Very The Heart of Wisdom is Fear of the Lord

#### Devotional: Reverence as the Foundation of Wisdom

Ultimately, Solomon concludes that wisdom begins and ends with reverence for God. Obedience to His commands flows from a heart that fears and honors Him.

Without this foundational respect, all human efforts at wisdom fall short.

*Fear of the Lord is not terror but awe, reverence, and commitment.* It reshapes how we live and relate to others and God.

Reflect on your relationship with God and how reverence influences your daily walk.







Day 19: 💙 The Heart of Wisdom is Fear of the Lord

# Reflect and Apply

1.	How do you understand "fear of the Lord"?
2.	In what ways does reverence for God shape your decisions?
3.	How can you grow deeper in awe and obedience?







Day 19: 💙 The Heart of Wisdom is Fear of the Lord

# **Journaling Prompts**

Write about moments when you deeply experienced God's greatness.
Reflect on how obeying God's commands has blessed you.
Ask God to increase your reverence and love for Him.







Day 19: Very The Heart of Wisdom is Fear of the Lord

# Prayer for Today

**Holy God,** cultivate in me a deep fear and reverence for You. *Help me to obey Your commandments out of love and respect.* May my life reflect the wisdom that comes from knowing and honoring You above all. Amen.  $\heartsuit$   $\bigwedge$   $\square$ 

















Day 20: Walking Humbly with God

#### Your Verse

Micah 6:8 NIV "What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Proverbs 11:2 "When pride comes, then comes disgrace."
- James 4:6 "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."







Day 20: Walking Humbly with God

# Devotional: Embracing Humility in Daily Life

**Humility is indispensable to wisdom.** Walking humbly with God keeps our hearts aligned with His and open to correction, grace, and growth.

God calls us to live justly, love mercy, and remain humble—an ongoing discipline.

*Pride can blind us to truth; humility welcomes God's shaping hand.* Reflect on areas where pride hinders your wisdom and invite God to lead you in humble obedience.

Choose today to walk with God in humility, embodying justice and mercy.







Day 20: 🛠 Walking Humbly with God

# Reflect and Apply

1.	Are there areas of pride in your life that limit your wisdom?
2.	How can humility improve your relationship with God and others?
3.	What practical steps help you cultivate humble living?







Day 20: 🛠 Walking Humbly with God

# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a time humility opened your heart to change.
2.	Reflect on the blessings that come through humble service.
3.	Pray for God's grace to overcome pride.







Day 20: Walking Humbly with God

# Prayer for Today

**Father God,** teach me to walk humbly with You. *Remove pride from my heart and fill me with grace, justice, and mercy.* Let my life reflect Your wisdom through humble obedience. Amen. ❖ ⚠ ❖

















Day 21: 🗱 Wisdom for a Meaningful Life

#### Your Verse

Ecclesiastes 12:13—14 NIV "Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of mankind. God will judge every deed."

## **Supporting Scriptures**

- Proverbs 3:5—6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart... He will make your paths straight."
- John 14:6 "I am the way and the truth and the life."







Day 21: 🗱 Wisdom for a Meaningful Life

## Devotional: Living with Godly Wisdom Everyday

As this study concludes, Solomon's final words offer the ultimate summary of wisdom. Reverence for God and obedience to His commands are the essence and duty of every person.

Life will be judged by God, which invites us to live with intentionality, integrity, and faith.

True wisdom transforms our priorities and anchors us in Christ, the way to lasting life and meaning. May this journey help you seek and walk in God's wisdom continually.

Commit today to living a life shaped by reverence, obedience, and trust in Jesus.







Day 21: 💥 Wisdom for a Meaningful Life

# Reflect and Apply

1.	How has this study shaped your understanding of wisdom?
2.	What changes will you make to live more reverently before God?
3.	How will you continue to pursue wisdom moving forward?







Day 21: 🞇 Wisdom for a Meaningful Life

# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write a personal commitment to living God's wisdom.
2.	Reflect on key lessons learned from Ecclesiastes.
3.	Pray for strength and guidance in applying what you've learned.







Day 21: 🗱 Wisdom for a Meaningful Life

## Prayer for Today

**Lord Jesus,** thank You for revealing the path of true wisdom. *Help me to fear God, obey His commands, and trust You as the way, truth, and life.* Empower me to live meaningfully and faithfully so that I may honor You in all things. Amen. 💸 🙏 🔲







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