

Wisdom: the art of living
Ecclesiastes 9:11-10:20
The Divine Disruption, 9
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Guard wisdom from self-sufficient thinking ... 9:11-18

"for man does not know his time"

- Human formulas for success cannot protect us. v. 11-12
"time and chance happen to them all"
- Godly wisdom is counter intuitive. v. 13-18
"wisdom is despised and his words are not heard"

Guarding wisdom requires ... 10:1-20

"one sinner destroys much good"

- ... refusing to entertain even a little denial. v. 1-3
"a little folly outweighs wisdom and honor"
- ... entering reality as you trust God's sovereignty. v. 4-7
"if the anger of a ruler rises against you, do not leave your place"
- ... recognizing the inherent dangers in all our activities. v. 8-10
"he who digs a pit will fall into it"
- ... being slow to speak. v. 11-14
"the words of a wise man's mouth win him much favor"
- ... saying no to short-cuts. v. 15-19
"through sloth the roof sinks in"
- ... protecting your thoughts. v. 20
"even in your thoughts, do not curse the king"

APPLICATION: what counter-intuitive measures do you need to employ?

Quote:

"To regret one's own experiences is to arrest one's own development. To deny one's own experiences is to put a lie into the lips of one's life. It is no less than a denial of the soul." Oscar Wilde