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JOINING US TODAY!

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### Pumpkin Killing!

TODAY from 1:30-4pm at Orcutt Hill Picnic Grounds for pumpkin carving, launching and eating. All are welcome, no sign ups.

Watch previous year's recap videos at [ourelement.org/pk](http://ourelement.org/pk)

Invites with directions available at the Welcome Center.

### Agape Thanksgiving All-Church Family Dinner

Sunday, November 24, 5pm at Element. Join us for a family-style dinner. We ask each family to make and bring a recipe from our Menu - there are easy and more advanced recipes to choose from. Recipes will be available next week at the Welcome Center.

### Next Sunday:

#### Daylight Savings Ends

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour next Saturday Night.



### Gospel Community (GC)

GC's are our primary organizing structure here at Element. It's where we see Disciple Making take place when we orient our lives together, on and around the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is where we commit to grow as a disciple, disciple others, and make disciples; to share our lives so they are visible and accessible.


**DISCIPLE:** A disciple is one who increasingly submits their life to the all-empowering Lordship of Jesus Christ.


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# Ecclesiastes

## The Existential Hangover



## Week 28: Working Smarter Than Vapor Part 2 Ecclesiastes 10:8-20

### TODAY'S VERSES:

Ecclesiastes 10:19  
Ecclesiastes 10:8-20  
Psalm 35:7  
Psalm 7:15-16  
Matthew 7:24-27

2 Timothy 3:15  
1 Kings 3:7  
Proverbs 17:16  
Hebrews 13:5  
Matthew 6:24

Psalm 37:7  
Psalm 46:10  
Job 6:24  
Lamentations 3:26  
Proverbs 9:10



# Week 28: Working Smarter Than Vapor Part 2 *Ecclesiastes 10:8-20*

Today in Ecclesiastes, Solomon continues his push for us to listen to and live within wisdom. There is an infinite number of categories by which people can be classified in how they live. In much of the wisdom literature, of which Ecclesiastes is a part of, the division is among only two: the wise and foolish. Wise people are those who live their lives in rhythm with God rather than resisting His will.

**What is your objective for being wise?**

**What, in your own little kingdom, do you need to be better at in both planning and execution?**

Solomon will now speak of some of the principles underlying wise living that, when combined with the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer, results in methods by which wisdom governs a life. We need wisdom so when we approach the scriptures we can tell the difference between principles and methods. Most of the scriptures are principles, very few are methods, God gives the principles in wisdom and the Holy Spirit (by relying on Him) teaches us the methods.

**What is the difference between a principle and a method?**

**What principles have you tried applying as methods in your life? How did it turn out?**

**How has the Holy Spirit taught you a method in wisdom? (Or helped you assess what needs to be done)**

Wisdom makes plans, but knows that life is fraught with peril.

**What plans have you made in your life that were thwarted by peril?**

There is a difference between wise people and fools that is not a difference of desire or lack of planning, sometimes it is who actually executes the plan. Wisdom is shown in getting a plan accomplished. It's not enough to *believe* we should love others, we actually need to do it; we may say prayer is important, but if we never do it, it shows the reality of what we believe.

**In what ways could you be wiser by working smarter? (If you are having a hard time coming up with one, ask those around you if they see any areas.)**

**What plans have you not executed in your life? Why not?**

Sometimes it is important to take more time to prepare, other times we need to act before it is too late; wisdom comes in knowing the difference. Some of this timely wisdom comes from life experience and some of it comes from talking with people who are wiser (and usually older) than we are. The best way to gain true spiritual wisdom is by listening to the words of Jesus, to become like wise people who "build our houses on the rock."

**What does building your life on the solid rock of Jesus and His Word mean to you?**

**In what ways have you not done this? What areas can you improve?**

Most advice and counsel of fools starts off silly, but when followed to its logical conclusion is just plain nuts. Our world is full of completely erroneous counsel; Solomon reminds us that we should seek counsel, but it must be from the wise. Who are the wise? 1) Do they fear God 2) Do they know what they are doing 3) Do you see execution?

**Read Ecclesiastes 10:12-15.**

**Who are the wise people you seek council from?**

**Why are they wise? How have they led by example?**

**What areas do you need to seek advice from someone wise?**

**Do you know someone who is living wisely in that area?**

There are many pieces that go together to make a wise life at work, at home, and in all of our relationships. The most important one is our surrender to Jesus. Solomon ends chapter 10 with a reminder that we need to be silent before God and listen to what He says to us as our Great Wise King.

**How has God demonstrated that He is our Wise King?**

**Think of someone you know who you know that is living in a way where they are "king" of their own life. Without gossiping, why does what they want seem to clash with what God wants?**

**How can you respond to them the next time they are complaining about their life in a way that points them to the true Wise King?**

*Psalm 37:7 Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!*

**Spend some time tonight being silent before our Great Wise King and listen to what He says to you.**