

Wisdom Preserves Life

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Ecclesiastes 7:11-25

The Preacher of Ecclesiastes presents us with two roles for wisdom: protection or shading and preservation or giving life. Then he uses a familiar analogy, money, to illustrate these two values.

Compare the shelter or shade riches afford: it defends us against want, poverty, and discomfort. Wisdom can prevail here as well. We make wise choices; such as keeping our stable job or getting further training. These choices could protect us against an uncertain future.

Money is transient and limited, however. It cannot protect against bitterness over the untimely death of a child, from loneliness brought on by selfish living, or from literal hurricane winds, which cannot distinguish a mansion from a shack.

Consider the other role Wisdom can play: it can give or preserve life. It gives life, in the highest sense, both here and in the hereafter. The great Source of Wisdom, our heavenly Father, will preserve us blameless unto life everlasting.

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