

Scripture

Ecclesiastes 7:1-8 (NLT)

Wisdom for Life

- 1 A good reputation is more valuable than costly perfume. And the day you die is better than the day you are born.
- 2 Better to spend your time at funerals than at parties.
After all, everyone dies—
so the living should take this to heart.
- 3 Sorrow is better than laughter,
for sadness has a refining influence
on us.

- 4 A wise person thinks a lot about death,
while a fool thinks only about having a
good time.
- 5 Better to be criticized by a wise person
than to be praised by a fool.
- 6 A fool's laughter is quickly gone,
Like thorns crackling in a fire.
This also is meaningless.
- 7 Extortion turns wise people into fools,
and bribes corrupt the heart.
- 8 Finishing is better than starting.
Patience is better than pride.