

# Scripture

## Ecclesiastes 7:9-18 (NLT)

- 9 Control your temper,  
for anger labels you a fool.
- 10 Don't long for "the good old days."  
This is not wise.
- 11 Wisdom is even better when you have  
money.  
Both are a benefit as you go through life.
- 12 Wisdom and money can get you almost  
anything,  
but only wisdom can save your life.

- 13 Accept the way God does things,  
for who can straighten what he has  
made crooked?
- 14 Enjoy prosperity while you can,  
but when hard times strike, realize that  
both come from God.  
Remember that nothing is certain  
in this life.

## **The Limits of Human Wisdom**

- 15** I have seen everything in this meaningless life, including the death of good young people and the long life of wicked people.
- 16** So don't be too good or too wise! Why destroy yourself? **17** On the other hand, don't be too wicked either. Don't be a fool! Why die before your time?
- 18** Pay attention to these instructions, for anyone who fears God will avoid both extremes.