

Scripture

Ecclesiastes 9:13-18 (NLT)

Thoughts on Wisdom and Folly

13 Here is another bit of wisdom that has impressed me as I have watched the way our world works. **14** There was a small town with only a few people, and a great king came with his army and besieged it. **15** A poor, wise man knew how to save the town, and so it was rescued. But afterward no one thought to thank him.

- 16** So even though wisdom is better than strength, those who are wise will be despised if they are poor. What they say will not be appreciated for long.
- 17** Better to hear the quiet words of a wise person than the shouts of a foolish king.
- 18** Better to have wisdom than weapons of war, but one sinner can destroy much that is good.