

Scripture

Ecclesiastes 10:1-11 (NLT)

- 1 As dead flies cause even a bottle of perfume to stink, so a little foolishness spoils great wisdom and honor.
- 2 A wise person chooses the right road; a fool takes the wrong one.
- 3 You can identify fools just by the way they walk down the street!
- 4 If your boss is angry at you, don't quit!
A quiet spirit can overcome even great mistakes.

The Ironies of Life

5 There is another evil I have seen under the sun. Kings and rulers make a grave mistake
6 when they give great authority to foolish people and low positions to people of proven worth. 7 I have even seen servants riding horseback like princes — and princes walking like servants!

8 When you dig a well,
 you might fall in.
When you demolish an old wall,
 you could be bitten by a snake.

- 9 When you work in a quarry,
stones might fall and crush you.
When you chop wood,
there is danger with each stroke of your ax.
- 10 Using a dull ax requires great strength,
so sharpen the blade.
That's the value of wisdom;
it helps you succeed.
- 11 If a snake bites before you charm it,
what's the use of being a snake charmer?