

Application Questions

Ecclesiastes 10:1-7

Read verse one. Allegorically, who might be perfumer be? How about the oil? How about the spice is used for the scent, what might they be? How about the jar to contain the oil? What do the flies represent? As your answer these questions, consider Philippians 4:18.

Read versus two and three. What does the right hand represented in Scripture? Can you cite a passage or two to confirm your answer? What does a left hand represent? To which direction does the fool go? Consider Philippians 4:9-10. Do you tend to desire things that fit within the Scripture?

Consider verse four. Have you ever found yourself faced with friendly opposition? When you knew you were right, how would you respond? What does this text tell us about our response? What are precepts we find in Scripture when dealing with unfriendly opposition?

Meditate on verses five to seven. How do you feel when a friend correction? What types of people would you rather be around, those who never question your positions or those who confront for sin? Why do some leaders seek to surround themselves with those who never question their decisions? Why do you think God has given us different skill sets? Do you accept God's plan for government in the home, and the workplace, in the church, and in society?

Study for next week: Ecclesiastes 10:8-20.

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

A note to our visitors

It is a pleasure having you as a special guest in our Sunday worship today. We hope that you feel warmly welcomed by those around you.

Our goal at Providence Church is to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ through biblical worship and through a lifestyle of community to others. We consider it a privilege to make ourselves available to you and your family, and would appreciate the opportunity to get to know you better.

Perhaps you are new to the area and are searching for a church. Whether this is the case or whether you are simply visiting, we hope that it will not be your last time with us. Feel free to contact us at the church office (309-387-2600) if there is any way that we can be of service to you, or if you have questions that you would like answered about Providence Church or the Christian Faith.