

Ecclesiastes 4:9-16 **Strength in Unity – Wise better than Fool**

The Value of a Friend

⁹ Two *are* better than one, Because they have a good reward for their labor.

¹⁰ For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him *who is* alone when he falls, For *he has* no one to help him up.

¹¹ Again, if two lie down together, they will keep warm; But how can one be warm *alone?*

¹² Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him.
And a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

Popularity Passes Away

¹³ Better a poor and wise youth Than an old and foolish king who will be admonished no more.

¹⁴ For he comes out of prison to be king, Although he was born poor in his kingdom.

¹⁵ I saw all the living who walk under the sun; They were with the second youth who stands in his place.

¹⁶ *There was* no end of all the people over whom he was made king; Yet those who come afterward will not rejoice in him.

Surely this also *is* vanity and grasping for the wind.

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Facts Revealed:

- ✧ Statements of truth concerning the value of help from two or more.
- ✧ Statements of truth concerning the poor young youth who became king.
- ✧ Solomon viewed it as vanity and grasping for the wind.