

Ecclesiastes 9:13-18 **Wisdom Is Better Than Strength**

Wisdom Superior to Folly

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14 *There was* a little city with few men in it; and a great king came against it, besieged it, and built great snares* around it.

15 Now there was found in it a poor wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city. Yet no one remembered that same poor man.

16 Then I said: "Wisdom *is* better than strength.

Nevertheless the poor man's wisdom *is* despised, And his words are not heard.

17 Words of the wise, *spoken* quietly, *should be* heard Rather than the shout of a ruler of fools.

18 Wisdom *is* better than weapons of war; But one sinner destroys much good."

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Facts Revealed:

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- ✧ Great illustration
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[\[Ecclesiastes 9:16\]](#)
- ✧ Wisdom is better than strength.
- ✧ But a poor wise man is despised because of his poverty.
- ✧ Words of the wise, *spoken* quietly, *should be* heard Rather than the shout of a ruler of fools. [\[Ecclesiastes 9:17\]](#)
- ✧ Good statement.
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