

CONTRASTING FOOLISHNESS WITH WORSHIP

Ecclesiastes 10:4-7

ECCLESIASTES: LIFE UNDER THE SON

We transfer worship **from** God **to** a...

1. Sense of satisfaction (enjoyment)
2. Sense of security (well-being)
3. Sense of self (approval/worth)

Christian living is living all your life as a **wise response of worshiping God** to please Him in **every aspect** of your life. Making your life about worshiping Jesus all day and in every way puts you in **contrast** with the world you live in. You are the **contrast** or, more accurately, **Jesus in you** is the contrast you bring to every situation and relationship of your life.

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You are the living contrast of godliness and wisdom in your daily contexts of life.

Romans 12:1-2



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Solomon tells us in **10:4-7** that **godly patience, godly calm**, is how God wants us to respond to **foolishness** in earthly **authority**. He says, “...*do not abandon your position*...”

This is one of **only three commands** in all of chapter 10.

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Living is a **response to God**. Your life is a **gift from God**. The **fear of the Lord**, holding God in high and holy regard, is the beginning of wisdom, knowledge, and a meaningful life.

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“Composure” = *marpē* (Hebrew noun)

Verb form means *to heal, to restore*, rarely literal healing.
Idea of inner wholeness, inner sense of calmness, gentleness

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You **speak from** a heart surrendered to the **Lordship** of Jesus in your life and calmed by your trust in and love for God.

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Foolishness **exalts** the mindless,
gives **approval** to godlessness,
disregards what is right, and
does what is right in its own eyes.

It turns people's lives upside down.

A scenic landscape featuring a clear blue sky with a bright sun in the upper right corner. Below the sky is a dense line of trees and foliage, creating a dark horizon line. The overall scene is bright and serene.

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