

Scripture

Ecclesiastes 10:12-20 (NLT)

12 Wise words bring approval,
but fools are destroyed by their
own words.

13 Fools base their thoughts on foolish
assumptions, so their conclusions
will be wicked madness;

14 they chatter on and on.

No one really knows what is going to
happen; no one can predict the future.

- 15 Fools are so exhausted by a little work
that they can't even find their way home.
- 16 What sorrow for the land ruled by a servant,
the land whose leaders feast in the
morning.
- 17 Happy is the land whose king is a noble
leader and whose leaders feast at the
proper time to gain strength for their work,
not to get drunk.
- 18 Laziness leads to a sagging roof;
idleness leads to a leaky house.

19 A party gives laughter,
wine gives happiness,
and money gives everything!

20 Never make light of the king,
even in your thoughts.
And don't make fun of the powerful,
even in your own bedroom.
For a little bird might deliver your message
and tell them what you said.