

## **SERMON NOTES**

**“Wisdom from the School of Sorrow”**

**Ecclesiastes 7:1-12**

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**I. Sorrow is a better teacher of wisdom than laughter.  
(1-6)**

**A. Death is better than birth because it reveals what you've done; birth is about potential. (1)**

**B. Thus, you'll learn more from reflecting on death than using laughter to avoid it. (2-4)**

**C. Also, it's better to listen to the wise than to fools.  
(5-6)**

**II. Wisdom will protect us from the foolishness that keeps us from finishing well. (7-12)**

**A. It keeps us from compromising our integrity. (7)**

**B. It cultivates patience rather than anger. (8-10)**

**C. It protects us from ruining our lives. (11-12)**

**BIG IDEA: Wisdom will protect us from the foolishness that keeps us from finishing well.**