

WISDOM for LIFE

The Book of Ecclesiastes



The Teacher's Grand Finale

Besides being wise himself, the Quester also taught others knowledge. He weighed, examined, and arranged many proverbs. The Quester did his best to find the right words and write the plain truth.



***The words of the wise prod us to live well.
They're like nails hammered home, holding life together.
They are given by God, the one Shepherd.***

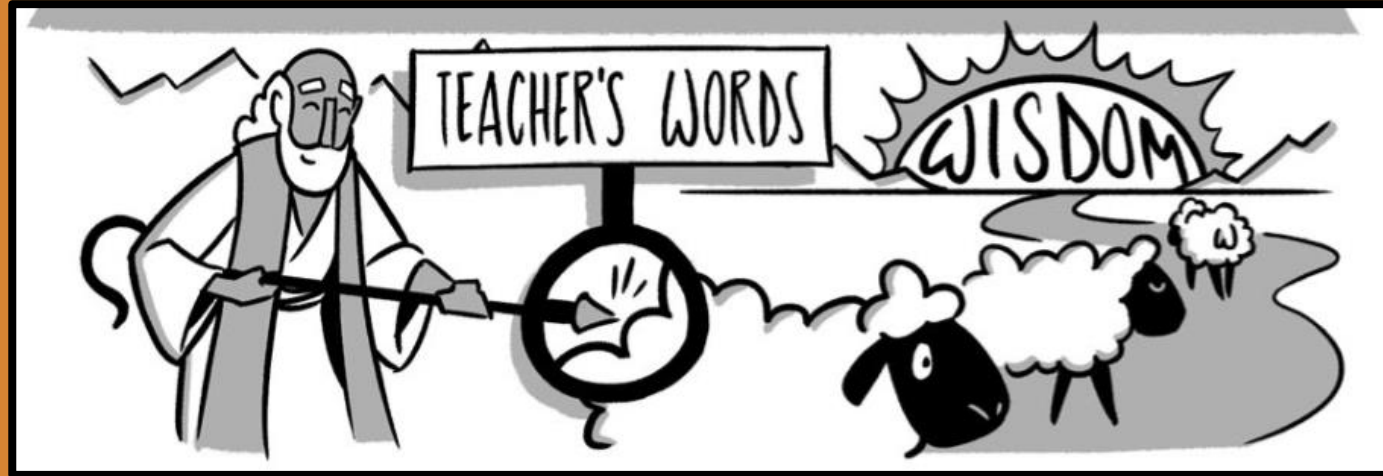
***But regarding anything beyond this, dear friend, go easy.
There's no end to the publishing of books, and constant study
wears you out so you're no good for anything else.***

Ecclesiastes 12:9-13a The Message

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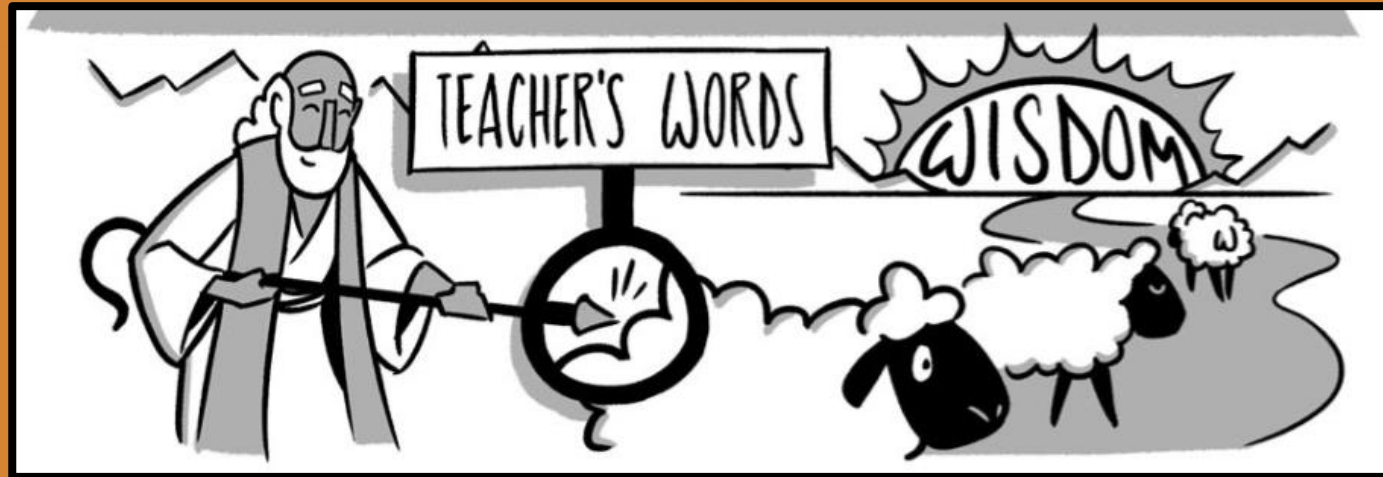
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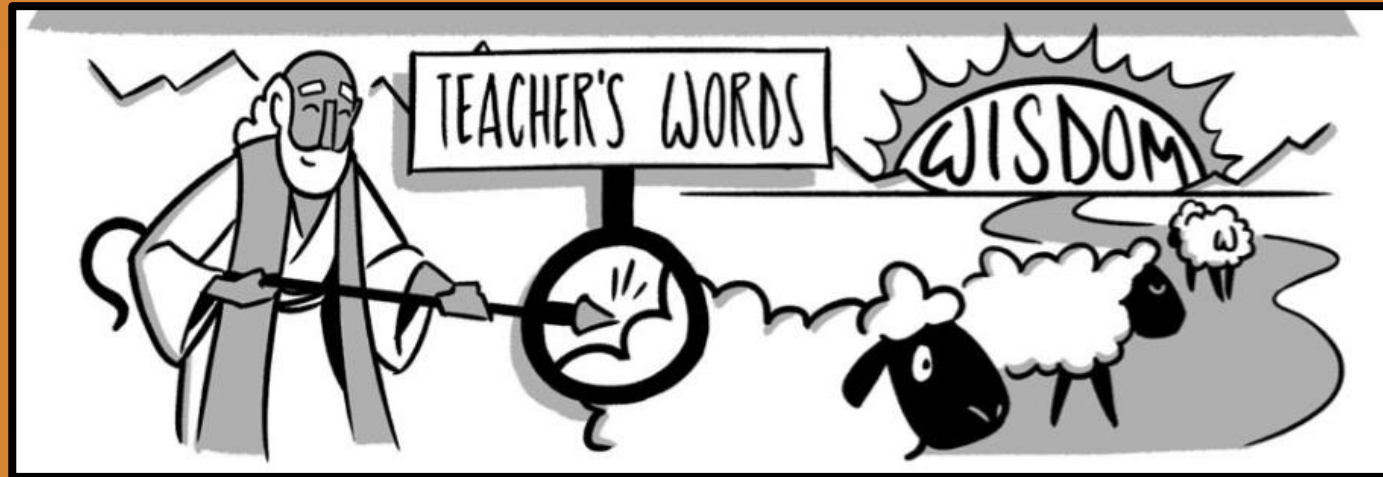
‘I can promise... No sphere of usefulness: you are not needed there at all. No scope for your talents: only forgiveness for having perverted them. No atmosphere of inquiry, for I will bring you to the land not of questions but of answers, and you shall see the face of God.’

CS Lewis – *The Great Divorce*



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***The last and final word is this:
Fear God.
Do what he tells you.***

***And that's it. Eventually God will bring everything that we do
out into the open and judge it according to its hidden intent,
whether it's good or evil.***

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2. What does he expect (Matthew 5-7)?

- *Love God*
- *Love your neighbour*
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