

# “Wise Fools, Wealthy Poor, & the Advantage of Disadvantage”


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The Words of the Qohelet, pt 5

Eccl. 5:10 ¶ The lover of money will not be satisfied with money; nor the lover of wealth, with gain. This also is vanity.



Ecc. 2:12 ¶ So I turned to consider  
wisdom and madness and folly; for what  
can the one do who comes after the   
king? Only what has already been done.

Eccl. 5:16 This also is a grievous ill:  
just as they came, so shall they go;  
and what gain do they have from  
toiling for the wind?



Eccl. 5:19 Likewise all to whom God gives  
wealth and possessions and whom he  
enables to enjoy them, and to accept their  
lot and find enjoyment in their toil—this is  
the gift of God.



Ecc. 6:1 ¶ There is an evil that I have  
seen under the sun, and it lies heavy  
upon humankind:





Eccl. 6:2 those to whom God gives wealth,  
possessions, and honor, so that they lack  
nothing of all that they desire, yet God does not  
enable them to enjoy these things, but a stranger  
enjoys them. This is vanity; it is a grievous ill.



Eccl. 6:3 If a man fathers a hundred children and lives many years, however many they be, but his soul is not satisfied with good things and he does not even have a proper burial, then I say, "Better the miscarriage than he,





Eccl. 6:4 for it comes in futility  
and goes into obscurity; and its  
name is covered in obscurity.



Eccl. 6:5 moreover it has not seen the sun or known anything; yet it finds rest rather than he.

Eccl. 6:6 Even though he should live a thousand years twice over, yet enjoy no good —do not all go to one place?



Ecccl. 6:7 ¶ All human toil is for the  
mouth, yet the appetite is not  
satisfied.



Eccl. 6:8 For what advantage does the  
wise man have over the fool? What  
advantage does the poor man have,  
knowing how to walk before the living?



Eccl. 6:12 Who can possibly know what is best for a man to do in life—the few days of his fleeting life? For who can tell him what the future holds for him under the sun?



Matt. 19:16 ¶ Then someone came to him and said,  
“Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal  
life?”



Matt. 19:17 And he said to him, “Why do you ask me  
about what is good? There is only one who is good. If  
you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments.”



Matt. 19:18 He said to him, "Which ones?" And Jesus said, "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness;

Matt. 19:19 Honor your father and mother; also, You shall love your neighbor as yourself."



Matt. 19:20 The young man said to him, "I have kept all these; what do I still lack?"

Matt. 19:21 Jesus said to him, "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."



Matt. 19:22 When the young man  
heard this word, he went away  
grieving, for he had many  
possessions.



Matt. 19:23 ¶ Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly I tell you, it will be hard for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven.

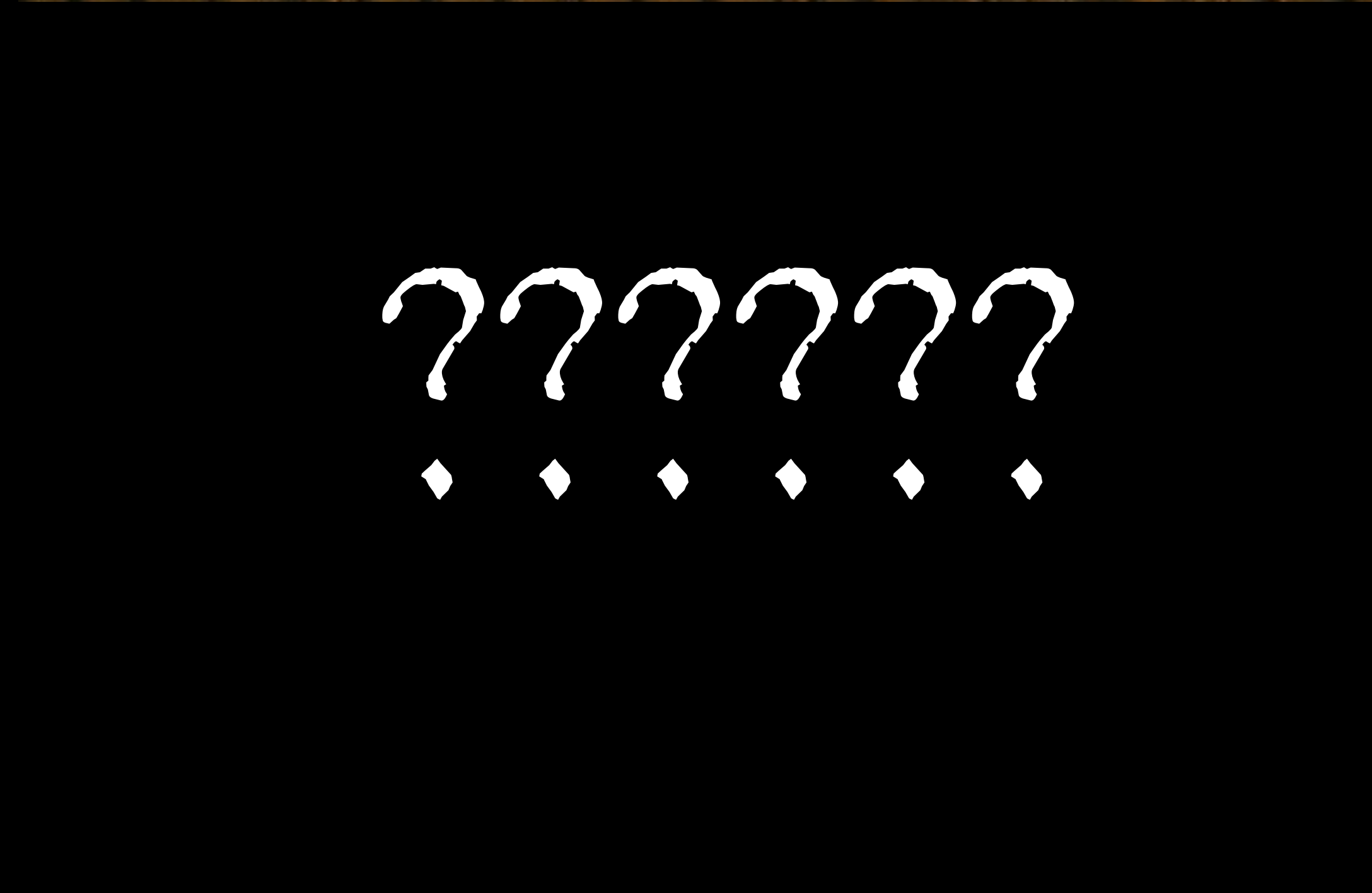
Matt. 19:24 Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”







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Matt. 19:25 When the disciples  
heard this, they were greatly  
astounded and said, "Then who  
can be saved?"





Matt. 19:26 But Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but for God all things are possible."



Eccl. 6:8 For what advantage have  
the wise over fools? And what do the  
poor have who know how to conduct  
themselves before the living?



1Cor. 4:10 We are fools for the sake of Christ, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute.

