

Proverbs 11:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.

Analysis

Wise counsel provides safety through multiple perspectives identifying dangers and opportunities. This verse validates church governance through plurality of elders and the foolishness of independent decision-making. God's wisdom is often mediated through fellow believers who offer biblical insight and accountability.

Historical Context

Kings required counselors to navigate complex political situations (2 Samuel 15:12, 1 Kings 12:6-14). Solomon's own request for wisdom (1 Kings 3:9) acknowledged the need for discernment beyond natural ability.

Related Passages

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. Whom do you regularly consult for godly counsel on important decisions?
2. How open are you to others' biblical wisdom even when it contradicts your preferences?

Interlinear Text

בָּאִים כִּי־כְּבָלֹתִים יַפְלִי מֵעָם וְתִשְׁוֹעַת הַמְּלֹאכָה בְּרַבִּים
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Additional Cross-References

Proverbs 24:6 (Parallel theme): For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war: and in multitude of counsellors there is safety.

Proverbs 15:22 (Parallel theme): Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors they are established.

Proverbs 20:18 (Parallel theme): Every purpose is established by counsel: and with good advice make war.

Proverbs 16:22 (Parallel theme): Understanding is a wellspring of life unto him that hath it: but the instruction of fools is folly.

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