1. “For with much wisdom comes much sorrow…”
Ecclesiastes 1:18 (NIV):

> “For with much wisdom comes much sorrow; the more knowledge, the more grief.”

This verse reminds us that greater understanding of the world often brings awareness of its brokenness. Wisdom can lead to a burdened heart when we see injustice, suffering, and the consequences of sin more clearly.

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2. “He himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames.”
1 Corinthians 3:15 (NIV):

> “If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved even though only as one escaping through the flames.”

Paul teaches that some believers may build their lives on Christ with weak or worthless works. While their salvation remains intact, their eternal rewards may be lost. It’s a call to live purposefully and faithfully.

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3. “Where there are no oxen, the manger is empty…”
Proverbs 14:4 (NIV):

> “Where there are no oxen, the manger is empty, but from the

> strength of an ox come abundant harvests."

This proverb speaks about the necessity of accepting messiness or hard work in order to achieve fruitful results. A clean barn may look nice, but without oxen (effort or resources), there's no productivity.

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4. What is the significance of *coral* in Scripture?
Job 28:18 (NIV):

> "Coral and jasper are not worthy of mention; the price of wisdom is beyond rubies."
> *Proverbs 8:11 (NIV):*
> "For wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her."

In biblical times, coral was considered a rare and valuable gem. These verses use coral (and other precious stones) to highlight how incomparable and priceless true wisdom is especially the

wisdom that comes from God.

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