A. It Protects You (vs. 13-15):

1. Solomon came to a complete understanding of wisdom after careful inspection of what took place in this small city with few men.
2. Solomon’s **God blessed ability to judge the issues correctly** led him to make the **best decisions** anyone can ever make.
3. Man, is an eternal being created by an eternal God for an eternal purpose, so everything that is temporal (under the sun) brings emptiness, and everything above the sun brings true joy and fulfillment.
4. Solomon, who was the wisest man, grew greatly in his respect of wisdom. This may have taken place before Solomon say wisdom from an entirely different vantage point. Not from a position of power and wealth (his position) but from obscurity.
5. This king was mighty in power and increasingly great in strength.
6. The great king came to the city with the set purpose of destroying it. He was not going to stop until he had accomplished his goal.
7. The king was completely committed to building large siege works. This displayed his powerful capability to overcome this small city with a few men.
8. Someone knew about this poor wise man and purposeful sought him out.
9. This is a man who reverence God’s Word and use it to make practical applications to the issues facing this city.
10. Poor wise man – This is a person who fears God and applies God’s Word practically because of his own use of the Word in his personal life. He attained wisdom as the result applying God’s Word to his daily life experiences.
11. The practical wisdom the poor wise man provided caused this small city to escape certain death from a ruler that was determined to destroy them.
12. This poor wise man demonstrated that his **God blessed ability to judge the issues correctly** led him to make the **best decisions** anyone can have ever make to save the city.
13. The people of the city set your minds to completely forget the poor wise man.

B. It is Powerful (vs. 16):

1. Solomon could not be quiet any longer he was in a convinced about what he thought about wisdom when he spoke.
2. Solomon’s **God blessed ability to judge the issues correctly** led him to make the **best decisions** anyone can ever make.
3. Wisdom provided greater benefits than any military response would have afforded. This was an excellent result for the people of this small city with few men.
4. Solomon’s observation from what he saw took place in this small city is that wisdom can prevail over the power and military might of the great ruler. If it can be done against this mighty man it can be done against anyone.
5. Even though the poor man’s God blessed ability led him to judge the issues correctly and make the best decisions, he was still not respected by the citizens of this small city.
6. The people of this small city gave the poor wise man little value to what he did for them.
7. They saw little value in doing what the poor wise man commanded them to do.
8. No one sought to get a full understanding of what the poor wise man commanded them to do because they did not give him their undivided attention with a heart to do what he said.

C. It Overcomes Evil (vs. 17-18):

1. The sayings, commands, promises or prophetic revelation spoken by people who are wise.
2. Wisdom- God blessed ability to judge the issues correctly so that the best decisions can be made.
3. We must seek to provide undivided attention so that a full understanding is achieved for the purpose of doing what was spoken quietly.
4. This wisdom provided greater benefits than any military response would have afforded. This provides an excellent result for the people of this small city.
5. This is the loud words of a person who has a lot of authority and power.
6. The shouting of a ruler does little to people who neglect the wise words of the poor wise man. Fools then to neglect his words of the wise because they hate knowledge and do not make the effort to gain understanding.

1. The God blessed ability to judge issues correctly for the best decision has more value and produces greater benefits than weapons of war.
2. Sinner - A person who fails to actively seek to walk per the standards of God and therefore experience moral failure.
3. A sinner can create such a breakdown in a city people can die or be killed.
4. A sinner can destroy much of what is of great benefit to the economic development of a city tearing down what is pleasant and excellent for each person’s life.
5. Wisdom is greater than the best of man’s strength and is more power the evil of any sinner.