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Blunt Iron Means Harder Work, Less Production

Ecclesiastes 10:10, **“If the iron be blunt, and he do not whet the edge, then must he put to more strength: but wisdom is profitable to direct.”**

Not long ago I pulled out the old trusty electric chain saw (the gas one wouldn't crank) and began cutting some fallen limbs into smaller pieces I could handle for removal from the yard. All went well with very little effort on my part until the chain became dull and then even duller, and then... Well, you get the picture. It finally got where it would not work at all and I was exhausted.

The same can be said of an ax. A semi-dull ax may cut some, but will work you to death - as the saying goes. It is far better to get out the file and whet the edge (sharpen the blade) than to continue. A good, sharp ax works much better than a dull one.

Solomon reminds us in Ecclesiastes 10:10 of this knowledge, and, to use this knowledge accordingly results in exercising wisdom. A sharp mind relating to the word of God helps us to face up to the challenges of life and better cut away those things which should never have been a priority. It shaves the bluntness and stark reality of this sin cursed world we live in.

So, get out your files (the teachings of God's word) and whittle away at those nagging problems in your life, even to the point of cutting them away with the Lord's help. It may take a whole lot less effort than you think. And, you may actually enjoy the time spent working with a sharper mind and seeing the help of the "sword of the Spirit" come alive in your life. Read Hebrews 4:12 and see the sharp, piercing effect of the word of God. Or, continue working with a dull edge and being less fruitful as a servant of the Master. **“Think About It!”**