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**Greater Hartford Chapter
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- Welcome! Opening prayer, praise reports
- FCCI news: regional conference on June 14
- Today's topic: **You'll never figure it all out**

"Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days.

He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap.

In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good." --Ecclesiastes 11:1,4,6



It's true that God gave us brains, and He wants us to use them. However, you can take "thinking" to an extreme to the point where it paralyzes you from moving forward by faith. You get frozen in the "paralysis of analysis." Instead of being proactive, you become lethargic, immobile, stuck. Here in the Hartford area, we have a lot of "well educated" people who try to figure everything out in advance. Sometimes they become impressed with their own capacity to intellectualize. Thinking they are so smart, they actually become dumb.

From the passages above, we can extract several wise principles:

- CAST = Action verb.
- SHALT FIND = Promise.
- AFTER MANY DAYS = Patience while things percolate.
- OBSERVE = Inaction. You can't reap if you haven't sown.
- SOW REGULARLY AND FREQUENTLY = You don't know what will prosper. It will always be a mystery.

Evaluate yourself from 1 (weak) to 10 (strong) in terms of being proactive.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Why did you give yourself this rating?										
What benefits might you enjoy by being more proactive?										
What specific actions can you take to be more proactive?										

- Next meeting on 5/1/13 (special evangelistic outreach!)
- Other news/announcements
- Closing prayer