

Thursday - Read Ecclesiastes 6:10-12. What is Solomon trying to get us to understand in this passage? Who is the “one stronger” referring to in the passage? Why do you think people want so much to control their lives? What do you think God wants to do with your life based on this passage? So many of us spend so much time arguing with God about what we want or what He should be doing differently instead of trusting that He knows best! Do you believe God knows what is best for you? Take that thought to the Lord in prayer and sit with it for a while!

Friday - Read Ecclesiastes 5:18-6:10 and I Timothy 6:6-10. All I want you to do here is reflect on what you’re learning. Spend some time with the Lord and ask Him to do the deep work within you that causes you to soar in relationship with Him. Give Him the go ahead to unleash joy in your life however He chooses! God bless you!

Life... Choose To Enjoy

Ecclesiastes 6:1-12

Introduction

Be careful what you wish for!

**I. God empowers enjoyment for those who are content
(5:18-20).**

**II. God frustrates the lives of those who lack contentment
(6:1-9).**

**III. God is wondering when we will stop arguing and start enjoying
(6:10-12).**

Conclusion

Let us settle the contentment question!!

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...and he opened to us the Scriptures (Luke 24:32)

From cover to cover God is casting vision for a people who will trust Him and live for Him in the most radical of ways. There is coming a time when a culturally nice and gentle Christianity will die off and one that personifies radical sacrifice and commitment will take its place. The beauty of God's will for our lives is that in this radical life, God is on His tiptoes wanting to empower joy. He wants us to be satisfied only in Him and in return He will put a smile on our face. That's exciting and it's all in Ecclesiastes 5 and 6. Let's take a look!

Monday - Read Ecclesiastes 5:18-20 and I Timothy 6:6-10. What does Solomon mean when he uses the phrase "eat and drink and find enjoyment"? What is Solomon saying to you about your life in this passage? In verse 19 God is empowering enjoyment. How does He do that? (Hint... it's found in the 1 Timothy passage). Are you satisfied with what God has given you and what He's doing in your life? May God, according to verse 20, continue to occupy you with joy in your heart for all your days!

Tuesday - Read Ecclesiastes 6:1-6. Why do you think God prevents this person from enjoying life? In Hebrew culture the number of children a man had and the length of his life were signs of success and pride. With that said, what is Solomon saying in verse 3? Solomon uses some loaded language to communicate that life is not worth living unless it is founded in the joy of trusting and loving God. To the one who is unable to settle the contentment question there will be no joy in this world and that is tragic. Don't let that be you!

Wednesday - Read Ecclesiastes 6:7-9. What is Solomon's point in these few verses? How does this concept of consumption relate to our world today? What is Solomon's point in verse 9? Reality is something that is more and more elusive in this world. With the advent of reality TV, pornography and video entertainment people are more and more able to live in a fantasy world! It is a fantasy to think you can consume your way to happiness and that is something we need to be more and more aware of!