

Ecclesiastes: The Futility of a life without God

"Mad Money with King Solomon"

Introduction

Is it better for you, as a Christian, to be rich or poor? Which is better?

Note: It's not good to be rich; it's not good to be poor; it's good to be _____.

In the Bible there are primarily four categories of people...

- 1) The Righteous Rich: These are people who love God, work hard, invest wisely & _____ generously.
- 2) The Unrighteous Rich: These people get their money in bad _____ & use their money for bad ends.
- 3) The Godly Poor: These are people who love God, work hard and don't have much _____.
- 4) The Ungodly Poor: These are people who turn apathy and _____ into an art form.

1 Kings 10:1-10 -

Note: You are not a consumer. You are a _____ and money is merely a _____.

I. Ecclesiastes 5:10-20

- 1) **Ecclesiastes 5:10** - Loving money will lead ONLY to _____.

Matthew 6:24 -

- 2) **Ecclesiastes 5:11** - Having money can bring unwanted " _____ " into your life.

Proverbs 19:4, 6 -

1 Corinthians 10:12 -

- 3) **Ecclesiastes 5:12** - Worrying about money will rob your life of _____ pleasures.

Note: More money, more people. More people, more worries. More worries, less _____.

Proverbs 3:21b-24 -

Proverbs 19:23 -

- 4) **Ecclesiastes 5:13** - Money hoarders ultimately hurt _____.

Mark 8:36-37 -

Acts 20:35 -

Matthew 6:19-21 -

5) *Ecclesiastes 5:14-17* - Those who love money die with nothing but _____.

Proverbs 23:1-5 -

6) *Ecclesiastes 5:18* - A good steward can _____ the blessings of God from a thankful heart.

Ecclesiastes 2:24, 3:12-13 and *3:22* -

Matthew 6:11 -

7) *Ecclesiastes 5:19-20* - A good steward can have joy in work and _____ in life.

Warren Weirsbe - *“If we focus more on the gifts than on the Giver, we are guilty of idolatry. If we accept His gifts, but complain about them, we are guilty of ingratitude. If we hoard His gifts and will not share them with others, we are guilty of indulgence. But if we yield to His will and use what He gives us for His glory, then we can enjoy life and be satisfied.”*

II. Luke 12:1, 13-21

1) *Luke 12:1* - This was an opportunity to hear God’s Word from God _____.

2) *Luke 12:13* - It is so easy for us to become distracted and preoccupied with “_____” money.

3) *Luke 12:14* - Jesus responds to this man for _____ benefit.

4) *Luke 12:15* - Jesus wants to warn, save and redeem cold, calloused, _____ hearts.

5) *Luke 12:16-21* - Jesus exposes the _____ heart of materialism.

a. The man in the story had great wealth... or should we say his great wealth _____ him?

Note: Materialism _____ your heart to things that will vanish.

b. The man in the story acted with no thought toward _____.

Note: It is not wrong to make plans for the future but it is wrong to make plans _____ from God.

James 4:13-15 -

c. The man in the story lost everything including his _____.

d. As of today, are you storing up wealth for yourself OR are you _____ towards God?

Note: We’re all in full time ministry as stewards of the Gospel and stewards of our _____.

1 Corinthians 6:20 -