



ECCLESIASTES

A RETROSPECTIVE WARNING

The Money Trap
Ecclesiastes 5:10–20

SUNDAY, March 20, 2022

DISCUSSION GUIDE

We're in the middle of our Ecclesiastes: A Retrospective Warning series. We continue in chapter five with warnings regarding money. Remember, Solomon, the RICHEST and WISEST man who ever lived, the guy who had it all, went off the rails and then came back to God, is now looking back on his life and he's telling us...this money thing is HAVEL (like smoke)! But he does ask 'what good is wealth?' And we see from Scripture that money can be a means to worship God and a channel for blessings. It's not about acquiring the most stuff or having the biggest savings account. Money is temporal; invest it in the eternal.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Think back to Sunday's message. What do you remember? Review your notes if you have them. If you're with a CV Life Group, talk with them about anything you found memorable or confusing.
2. Read Ecclesiastes 5:10–20. Do you believe 'money doesn't make you happy?' How so?
3. Verse 10 teaches us the more we have, the more we want. Why do you think people always want more?
4. Verses 11–12 teach us the more we have, the more we'll worry about hoarding it and becoming stingy. If the Lord favors you with abundance, what can you do to curb this type of worry and anxiety?
5. Verses 13–14 teach us the more we have, the more we can lose in an instant. Think of something that you greatly value. How would you feel if it was taken from you?
6. Verses 15–16 teach us the more we have, the more we'll leave behind. Read 1 Timothy 6:7. It's been said that in our preparation for heaven, we should pack light. What's the only thing we can take with us into heaven?
7. Read Hosea 13:4–8. God's people worshipped the "gifts from the Giver" rather than the "Giver of the gifts." What was God's response to this?
8. Read John 12:3. What is the modern day equivalent to the love and devotion that Mary showed to Jesus in this story?
9. Read Malachi 3:8–10. How can someone cheat God? What does this principle teach us about God? About people? About money?
10. What's one thing you learned from Sunday's message and today's discussion that will help you become a better disciple of Christ, and help others do the same?

Now What?

Take the 90 day challenge.

