

2. How much “gladness of heart” do you presently experience in your “labor under the sun” [verse 20]? What would help you enjoy your wealth and work more?

Prayer Concerns:

Chasing After Wealth

Ecclesiastes 5:8-20 [Page 1039]

A. The dangers of loving money. [8-17]

1. Wealth can lead to _____ and _____. [8-9]
2. Money can't _____ our _____. [10]
3. Wealth attracts _____. [11]
4. Affluence can cause _____. [12]
5. Money can't _____ and _____. [13-17]

B. The secret of satisfaction. [18-20]

1. God's gifts come from _____ — not _____
2. God's gifts are to be _____ — not _____
3. God's gifts don't bring _____ — God _____

Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started:

1. What pleasure in life do you not get or make time for?

Digging Deeper:

Read Ecclesiastes 5:8-20

1. What is the reason for the oppression and injustice in verses 8-9? Why should we not be surprised by this?
2. What about money is the Teacher bemoaning here? The addiction to money? Its emptiness? The love of money? The indulgence of wealth?
3. Why do the three proverbs (verses 10, 11, and 12) prove to be meaningless?

4. What is the “grievous evil” of verses 13-15? Of verses 16-17? How do “wealth hoarded” and “wealth lost” [13-14] fit into this observation?

5. How are you putting verses 18-20 into practice?

6. How does 6:7-9 continue the thought of the preceding passage? What is “better” [verse 9]? Why is that?

Taking it Home:

1. What priority does the pursuit of wealth and work have in your life? Is this necessary? What are you expecting your life’s work will give you in the end?