

Series: Christmas Memories

Title: Solomon's Christmas Challenge:

Text: (Ecclesiastes 6)

Solomon was Jaded.

He was not a happy person when he wrote Ecclesiastes.

I. Enjoy What You Have: (Vs 1-6)

Solomon discusses the 3 measurements of Success in Jewish society: Wealth, Long Life, & Lots of Children

A. The Vanity of LUXURY: (Vs 1-2)

1. *“Common evil Among Men”*: (1 Co1 10:13) *ase*.
2. God gives wealth & honor, yet cannot enjoy it.
(1 Cor 8:1)(Is 5:21)
3. Wealth does not translate to Happiness:
(Lu 12:16-21*)(Ps 39:6)

B. The Vanity of LEGACY: (Vs 3-5)

- (Ps 127:3)(Eph 6:4)(Prov 23:26)
1. Wealth Destroys Families through Covetousness:
 2. Focus on giving them you.
 - a. A Saved Parent
 - b. A Separated Parent (Gal 2:20)
 - c. A Soul Conscious Parent
 3. His Children will be a grief to him later: (Ps 58:8)

C. The Vanity of LONGEVITY: (Vs 6)

1. Joy is a Command: (Phil 4:4)(1 Thes 5:16)
2. Joy Is a fruit of the Spirit: (Gal 5:22)
3. Joy is a Taste of Heaven on Earth: (Ps 16:11)
4. God gives Joy through his Word: (Jer 15:16)
(Ecc 8:12-13; Pr 14:32)(Prov 15:16-17)

II. Accept What You Have: (Vs 7-8)

A. The Desire to Acquire Is Vanity: (Vs 7)

1. Solomon now speaks of his view of work.
2. Men work, yet not satisfied: (Pr 16:26)(Phil 4:11-13)

B. The Desire to Aspire Is Vanity: (Vs 8)

(Ps 127:2)(Ec 11:8)(Phil 4:11-13)

C. The Desire to Be Admired Is Vanity: (Vs 9)

1. For what We Don't Have.
2. For What Could Have Been.
3. THRIVE Where You Are!
4. The Choice is Ours: (Ps 92:12-15)
5. Time Is Short, Life Ends: (Ecc 9:10)

III. Make the Most of What You Have: (Vs 10-12)

- A. Adam already had named all the creatures of creation.
- B. No man can win a fight with one stronger than he.
(Gen 2:9; Job 9:32).
 1. No One was as Wise as Solomon: (1 Ki 4:29-34)
- C. There will always be a New Shiny thing! (Vs 11)
- D. Never content with what you Are in Christ: (Vs 12)
(James 4:14) Our lives are but a vapor.