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Ecclesiastes 1:1-6

1 These are the words of the Teacher, King David's son, who ruled in Jerusalem.

2 "Everything is meaningless," says the Teacher, "completely meaningless!"

3-5 What do people get for all their hard work under the sun? Generations come and generations go, but the earth never changes. The sun rises and the sun sets, then hurries around to rise again.

6 The wind blows south, and then turns north. Around and around it goes, blowing in circles.

Ecclesiastes 1:7-11

7 Rivers run into the sea, but the sea is never full. Then the water returns again to the rivers and flows out again to the sea.

8 Everything is wearisome beyond description. No matter how much we see, we are never satisfied. No matter how much we hear, we are not content.

9-11 History merely repeats itself. It has all been done before. Nothing under the sun is truly new. Sometimes people say, “Here is something new!” But actually it is old; nothing is ever truly new. We don’t remember what happened in the past, and in future generations, no one will remember what we are doing now.

Ecclesiastes 4:1-4

1 Again, I observed all the oppression that takes place under the sun. I saw the tears of the oppressed, with no one to comfort them. The oppressors have great power, and their victims are helpless.

2 So I concluded that the dead are better off than the living.

3 But most fortunate of all are those who are not yet born. For they have not seen all the evil that is done under the sun.




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Ecclesiastes 2:1-3

1 I said to myself, “Come on, let’s try pleasure. Let’s look for the ‘good things’ in life.” But I found that this, too, was meaningless.

2 So I said, “Laughter is silly. What good does it do to seek pleasure?”

3 After much thought, I decided to cheer myself with wine. And while still seeking wisdom, I clutched at foolishness. In this way, I tried to experience the only happiness most people find during their brief life in this world.

Ecclesiastes 2:4-6, 8a

4 I tried to find meaning by building huge homes for myself and by planting beautiful vineyards.

5 I made gardens and parks, filling them with all kinds of fruit trees.

6 I built reservoirs to collect the water to irrigate my many flourishing groves.

8 I collected great sums of silver and gold, the treasure of many kings and provinces.

Ecclesiastes 2:8b, 10-11

8 I hired wonderful singers, both men and women, and had many beautiful concubines. I had everything a man could desire!

9 So I became greater than all who had lived in Jerusalem before me, and my wisdom never failed me.

10 Anything I wanted, I would take. I denied myself no pleasure. I even found great pleasure in hard work, a reward for all my labors.

11 But as I looked at everything I had worked so hard to accomplish, it was all so meaningless—like chasing the wind. There was nothing really worthwhile anywhere.

Luke 12:15

15 And He (Jesus) said to them, “Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.”

15 Then he said, “Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own.”

Matthew 16:26

26 For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

John 3:16

16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

Matthew 6:19-21

19 “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal;

20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

1 Corinthians 15:58

**So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable.
Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know
that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.**

The Timing Game

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Ecclesiastes 3:1-4

**1 For everything there is a season,
a time for every activity under heaven.**

**2 A time to be born and a time to die.
A time to plant and a time to harvest.**

**3 A time to kill and a time to heal.
A time to tear down and a time to build up.**

**4 A time to cry and a time to laugh.
A time to grieve and a time to dance.**

Ecclesiastes 3:4-8

**5 A time to cast away stones, And a time to gather stones;
A time to embrace, And a time to refrain from embracing;**

**6 A time to gain, And a time to lose;
A time to keep, And a time to throw away;**

**7 A time to tear, And a time to sew;
A time to keep silence, And a time to speak;**

**8 A time to love, And a time to hate;
A time of war, And a time of peace.**

Ecclesiastes 3:11-13

11 He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end.

12-13 I know that nothing is better for them than to rejoice, and to do good in their lives, and also that every man should eat and drink and enjoy the good of all his labor—it is the gift of God.

Ecclesiastes 5:18-20 - Enjoying The Present

18 Here is what I have seen: It is good and fitting for one to eat and drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labor in which he toils under the sun all the days of his life which God gives him; for it is his heritage.

19 As for every man to whom God has given riches and wealth, and given him power to eat of it, to receive his heritage and rejoice in his labor—this is the gift of God.

20 God keeps such people so busy enjoying life that they take no time to brood over the past.

John 16:13-14

13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.

Philippians 2:13

13 For it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

13 For it is God Who is all the while effectually at work in you [energizing and creating in you the power and desire], both to will and to work for His good pleasure and satisfaction and delight. [AMP]

1 Peter 5:6, 7

6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time. [NKJ]

6 So be content with who you are, and don't put on airs. God's strong hand is on you; He'll promote you at the right time. [MESSAGE]

6 If you bow low in God's awesome presence, he will eventually exalt you as you leave the timing in his hands. [TPT]

7 Pour out all your worries and stress upon him and leave them there, for he always tenderly cares for you.

The Wisdom Game

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Ecclesiastes 2:12-15

12 So I decided to compare wisdom with foolishness and madness (for who can do this better than I, the king?).

13 I thought, “Wisdom is better than foolishness, just as light is better than darkness.

14 For the wise can see where they are going, but fools walk in the dark.” Yet I saw that the wise and the foolish share the same fate.

15 Both will die. So I said to myself, “Since I will end up the same as the fool, what’s the value of all my wisdom? This is all so meaningless!”

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.

2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

Matthew 22:36-40

36 “Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?”

37 Jesus replied, “‘You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’

38 This is the first and greatest commandment.

39 A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’

40 The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”



Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

**13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter:
Fear God and keep His commandments,
For this is man's all.**

**14 For God will bring every work into judgment,
Including every secret thing,
Whether good or evil.**

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