

A GOOD LIFE!
Ecclesiastes 6:1-6

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Solomon's wisdom, the bold proclamations, admonition, observations and teachings in the first 11 chapters plus of Ecclesiastes all build to the crescendo (high point) provided in **Ecclesiastes 12:13-14** –

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man's all. For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.

ECCLESIASTES 6:1-6

1. There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, and it is common among men: 2. A man to whom God has given riches and wealth and honor, so that he lacks nothing for himself of all he desires: yet God does not give him power to eat of it, but a foreigner consumes it. This is vanity, and it is an evil affliction.

On this earth, there is something else that is not fair. God may give to you all the things you want. He may give riches to you. He may give you money to spend. He may give to you a house to live in. But He may not let you enjoy those things. Somebody you may not even know may get them all. That is not fair and may confuse you a lot. (Easy English Bible)

We have all seen people amass resources and not get to “enjoy” them –

- A person dies “before” his or her time;
- Thieves break through and steal it;
- Poor health or debilitating physical or mental condition makes it impossible to enjoy it;
- Poor financial decisions;
- Entourages carry them off.

3. *If a man begets a hundred children and lives many years, so that the days of his life are many, but his soul is not satisfied with **goodness**, or indeed he has no burial, I say that a stillborn child is better than he —*

4. *for it comes in vanity and departs in darkness, and its name is covered with darkness. 5. Though it has not seen the sun or known anything, this has more rest than that man, 6. even if he lives a thousand years twice — but has not seen **goodness**. Do not all go to one place?*

- Here, Solomon's words remind us that life is tenuous and uncertain, and we all have the same end.
- We should always possess a healthy attitude and maintain a vibrant relationship with God – irrespective of our means or status!
- We should seek to live good, respectful and honorable lives.

- Having children and experiencing long life were viewed as some of life's most rewarding blessings.
- But if you live an empty, hollow and self-absorbed life of a thousand years, it profits nothing.
- Strive to add meaning and purpose to your life.
 - Edify and strengthen our children
 - Invest in the lives of others
 - Make a difference (***See Luke 12:48***)
 - Strive to add life to years (Quality over Quantity)

Lord's Invitation Extended to All

- **Be added to the Lord's body**

Hear the gospel (**Romans 10:17**)

Believe (**Hebrews 11:6, Acts 15:7**)

Repent (**Acts 2:38**)

Confess (**Romans 10:10**)

Be baptized for the remission of sin
(**Acts 2:38**) **or**

Lord's Invitation (cont'd)

- **Be reconciled unto the Lord**
(I John 1:8-9); or
- **Desire prayer** (James 5:16).

May GOD'S richest blessings be yours!