

Money, Money, Money,
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Part Two Ecclesiastes 5:13-20



Solomon Has Postulated Several Principles About Man And Money

#1 The more we have, the more we want

Ecclesiastes 5:10

#2 The more we have, the more we spend

Ecclesiastes 5:11

#3 The more we have, the more we worry

Ecclesiastes 5:12

#4 The More We Have The More We Hoard, Ecclesiastes 5:13

*“There is a severe evil which I have seen
under the sun;*

Riches kept for their owners to his hurt.

But those riches perish through misfortune;

*When he begets a son, there is nothing in his hand
(to support him).”*

Observations

- Solomon says that “hoarding” material things can come back to bite you, in other words, “What goes around, comes around”
- The truth is that we show *what* we love by *what* we do with *what* we have

If we choose to allow God to use what He has given to us for His purposes, we will have peace.

If we choose to hoard those resources we will have hurt.

How We Choose Affects Others Even Our Own Families

Verse 14

“But those riches perish through misfortune;

When he begets a son there is nothing in his hand (to support him)”

- One bad misfortune (selfish decision, fraud, flim flam artist, infomercials, stock market crash, catastrophic illness, accident, pyramid scheme, or crime) away from losing it all
- The truth is that we all are vulnerable. That why Jesus said that a man’s life does not consist of what he owns, Luke 12:15
- The truth also is that many of your children will blow away their inheritance if you do not leave them the spiritual values they need to maintain it
 - Work ethic is a learned behavior (seen and taught)
 - Relationships (spouses, friends, insecurities)
 - Biblical principles address every aspect of our business life
 - God is not as much interested in *what* you do but *how* you do it

#5 The More We Have The More We Leave, Ecclesiastes 5:15

*“As he came from his mother’s womb,
naked shall he return,
To go as he came;
And he shall take nothing from his labor
Which he may carry away in his hand.”*

Forbes' List of Top Ten Dead Celebrities 2017

- #10 Albert Einstein
- # 9 John Lennon
- #8 Dr. Seuss
- #7 Prince
- #6 Tom Petty
- #5 Bob Marley
- #4 Elvis Presley
- #3 Charles Schultz
- #2 Arnold Palmer
- #1 Michael Jackson

Observations

- Solomon reminds us that despite of all of our work, wealth, and medical technology, we are going to die
- If we are obsessed with wealth and money in this life, happiness will escape us while alive. Indeed, money is a good servant but a bad master
- Have you noticed that money can't console you in loneliness, sickness, or tragedy

#6 God Gives Work As Gift

Ecclesiastes 5:18

“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(it is his lot or gift from God)”

- **God sees your work in life as a gift He has given you**
- **We ought to express gratitude for the gift of work**
- **Thank God for the strength he has given you to work!**

#7 God Gives Wealth As Gift

Ecclesiastes 5:19-20

“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 a gift of God

For he will not dwell unduly on the days of his life, because God keeps him busy with the joys of his heart.”

Observations

- You may “get paid” but God GIVES YOU
 - The Health
 - The Country
 - The Economy
 - The Skill
 - The Opportunity

God knows how to balance the heartaches of labor with the joy in the heart that can come from it and the fruit it brings to his children

***Without The Strength And The Provisions From God,
You Would Have Nothing!***

Listen To A Wealthy Man Who Survived One Catastrophe After Another! Job 1:21

*“Naked I came from my mother’s womb,
And naked shall I return there.
The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away;
Blessed be the name of the Lord”*

*Job Could Say This Because His Gift of CAPACITY Was Greater Than
His Gift Of Prosperity*

*Job’s Relationship With God Was Bigger Than Anything He Had
Been Given*

Job Was More Preoccupied With The Giver More Than The Gift!

The Plan Of Salvation

Hear the Gospel Acts 15:7

Believe the Gospel Acts 15:7

Repent of Sins Acts 17:30

Confess Christ Acts 8:37

Be Baptized Acts 8:38