

ENJOY GOD'S GIFTS

ECCLESIASTES 5:18-20
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We aim to see that we are successful in life only in so much as we are able to enjoy the gifts that God has given us.

Ecclesiastes 5:18-20

¹⁸Here is what I have seen to be good and fitting: to eat, to drink and enjoy oneself in all one's labor in which he toils under the sun during the few years of his life which God has given him; for this is his reward. ¹⁹Furthermore, as for every man to whom God has given riches and wealth, He has also empowered him to eat from them and to receive his reward and rejoice in his labor; this is the gift of God. ²⁰For he will not often consider the years of his life, because God keeps him occupied with the gladness of his heart.

INTRODUCTION:

To enjoy the gifts that God has given us we must:

1. ACKNOWLEDGE OUR _____ AS COMING FROM GOD (3:22)

- a. All that we have comes from the hand of God (2:24-25; 3:12-13; 5:19; cp. Jas. 1:17-18)
- b. We cannot enjoy anything without God (2:25)
- c. Even adversity comes from God (cp. Job 2:10; Rom. 8:28ff)

2. LEARN TO ENJOY _____ IN THE PRESENT (3:22; 5:18-19; 8:15; 9:7-8)

- a. Develop a proper attitude towards God's gifts (3:22; 5:18)
- b. Enjoy what you do have (not what you do not have) (5:18-20)
- c. Turn events in life into a time of joy (8:15; 9:7-8)

3. MAKE THE _____ OF OUR LIFE (AS A GIFT THAT GOD HAS GIVEN US) (11:1-12:7)

- a. Live with a purpose (11:1-8)
- b. Maximize your life (11:9-12:7)
 - 1. Understand the passages in life (9-10)
 - 2. Avoid sinful behavior
 - 3. Keep God in your life (12:1, 13-14)

CONCLUSION:

Our ultimate priority for success is Matthew 6:33

But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

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