

# Berwyn Church of Christ: Ecclesiastes Study

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Connecting Scriptures/Thoughts	Ecclesiastes 6: Contentment??
<p>1 Timothy 6:6-10, Philippians 4:10-12, Hebrews 13:5</p> <p>V1 Reveals a great evil under the sun, living life without contentment.</p> <p>V2 has everything he needs, can do as he wishes but never was content even to enjoy them. Left to someone else to enjoy. 1 Timothy 6:17;</p> <p>V3-5 Jewish society saw blessings in children- but it doesn't matter how many you have, especially if they are selfish and evil in their hearts. They just want the \$ inheritance and nothing else. God says this is bad. Notice the BIG picture "his soul is NOT satisfied with life's good things" (The still born infant statement is meant to prick your heart, it is better to be that than evil and against God.</p> <p>V6 Solomon even says this person might live long, but what good will it do him or her if they are still bitter, hateful and miserable? You need a content mindset. (Still everyone dies)</p> <p>V7 Never enough, keep working til I get more...</p>	<p>[1] There is an evil that I have seen under the sun, and it lies heavy on mankind:</p> <p>[2] a man to whom God gives wealth, possessions, and honor, so that he lacks nothing of all that he desires, yet God does not give him power to enjoy them, but a stranger enjoys them. This is vanity; it is a grievous evil.</p> <p>[3] If a man fathers a hundred children and lives many years, so that the days of his years are many, but his soul is not satisfied with life's good things, and he also has no burial, I say that a stillborn child is better off than he.</p> <p>[4] For it comes in vanity and goes in darkness, and in darkness its name is covered.</p> <p>[5] Moreover, it has not seen the sun or known anything, yet it finds rest rather than he.</p> <p>[6] Even though he should live a thousand years twice over, yet enjoy no good—do not all go to the one place?</p> <p>[7] All the toil of man is for his mouth, yet his appetite is not satisfied.</p> <p>[8] For what advantage has the wise man over the fool? And what does the poor man have who knows how to conduct himself before the living?</p> <p>[9] Better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering of the appetite: this also is vanity and a striving after wind.</p> <p>[10] Whatever has come to be has already been named, and it is known what man is, and that he is not able to dispute with one stronger than he.</p> <p>[11] The more words, the more vanity, and what is the advantage to man?</p> <p>[12] For who knows what is good for man while he lives the few days of his vain life, which he passes like a shadow? For who can tell man what will be after him under the sun? (ESV)</p> <p>At the end of the first half of Ecclesiastes, this is a very bitter conclusion that the preacher is drawing. There is nothing</p>

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V8 Education, Intelligence will not help you. Recognizes that there have been some poor wise people that walked wisely... You can seemingly have everything and not be content and you can seemingly have nothing and not be content, or vice versa.

1 Cor 1:26-29;20

1 John 2:15-17

V9 Live in the moment, not always for tomorrow. James 4:13-15, don't be bitter about what you can't do, but be grateful for what you can do and what you have already done.

V10-12 Vanity is inescapable or unavoidable according to Solomon. Adam knew all, God told you your purpose and how you were made in His image and we are building to the conclusion about what has already been decided as meaningful in this world, and what is actually GOOD!

Instead of building something that does not last, build and work on what will last, our souls, our relationship with God, good works aligned to God that just might live beyond our years.

good to see in this world. You can have all the wealth, you can have all the children, you can have all the time in the world and you will never, ever find true, lasting good. Soul satisfying satisfaction.