

Ecclesiastes

Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

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I. The book of Ecclesiastes is not for _____ thinkers or _____ readers of the Bible.

“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.”

2 Timothy 2:15
(NIV)

II. The book of Ecclesiastes is not a negative or pessimistic book, but it is a highly positive and optimistic book when _____.

III. The book of Ecclesiastes is a very _____ book that deals with a

question every person will struggle with at some point in life.

❖ Does life have any real and lasting _____ and if so, _____ is it and _____ do you find it?

IV. Ecclesiastes teaches that all efforts to find real and lasting purpose in life apart from God are _____!

“Meaningless! Meaningless!” says the Teacher.

“Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless.”

Ecclesiastes 1:2
(NIV)

V. _____ is the writer of the book of Ecclesiastes and the book records what he has discovered about _____ in life.

"The words of the Teacher, son of David, king in Jerusalem:"

Ecclesiastes 1:1
(NIV)

- ❖ King Solomon had it all in life, but he couldn't get
"_____!"

VI. Be careful to use what God gives you to
_____ him, not to
_____ him.

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)

VII. There may be _____ and
_____ in sin and the things
of this world for a time, but it doesn't
_____.

"I denied myself nothing my eyes desired; I refused my heart no pleasure. My heart took delight in all my labor, and this was the reward for all my toil. Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind; nothing was gained under the sun."

Ecclesiastes 2:10-11
(NIV)

"He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin."

Hebrews 11:25 (NIV)