

# 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)**