

R66 - THE BOOK OF ECCLESIASTES

ENJOY GOD! ENJOY GOODS! - ECCLESIASTES 5

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I. How to properly enjoy God. (vv.1-7)

Not being chatty or casual.

Knowing our place.

Respond: Listen. Say little. Keep your promises. Be in awe!

II. How to properly enjoy our goods. (vv.8-17)

5 Realities when it comes to Goods:

1. Graft (vv.8-9)

Dishonest use of public office for private gain.

Discontentment and Distraction.

2. Greed (vv.10-11)

Greed is never enough.

3. Gout (v.12)

Gout is pleasures turned to pain.

Goods are like gout when we fixate on them
and when we fret over them.

4. Garnishee (vv.13-14)

Garnishee is a forced deduction from a person's
pay because that person has not been paying
debts that are owed.

Goods can be garnishees when they when they are
trusted or misused.

Hoarding harms.

Casinos and Number Houses garnishee.

5. Grind (vv.15-17)

The grind of life was predicted in Eden. (Genesis 3:17-19)

Four Hardships that shaped the grind:

1. Darkness.
2. Great Frustration.
3. Affliction.
4. Anger

Review: Enjoy God! Enjoy Goods!

We enjoy God by worshipping well.
We enjoy goods by wisely handling wealth.

III. How to experience God's wellbeing (vv.18-20)

Worship and work are our lots in life.
God's design:

1. Finding satisfaction in toilsome labour. (v.18)
2. Being happy in your work. (v.19)
3. Being occupied with your gladness of heart. (v.20)

Discussion Questions:

1. Are you enjoying God? Prove it.

2. Are you enjoying your goods? Prove it.

3. What's your biggest problem: Graft? Greed? Gout? Garnishee? Grind?
