

Wisdom For Uncertain Times

Ecclesiastes 11:1-6

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"Ecclesiastes sounds like a crazed man downtown. He smells like he hasn't bathed—looks like it too—and as we pass by he won't stop glaring at us and beckoning to us that our lives are built on illusions, and that we are all going to die. So, most of us choose to get our lunch at a different shop on a less dreary corner of town." – Zach Eswine

"The Psalms teach us how to worship; Proverbs, how to behave; Job, how to suffer; Song of Solomon, how to love; and Ecclesiastes, how to live." – J.I. Packer

BIG IDEA: *Because uncertainty is here to stay, live boldly for the Lord every day of your life.*

POINT 1: Give Yourself Away (verses 1-2).

- And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it." **Mark 8:34-35 (ESV)**
- Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. **John 12:24 (ESV)**

"Here is wisdom you will not hear anywhere else: take the best of what you have and the best of what you are and give them away. Hold them out with open hands to God and to others. Worldly wisdom builds bunkers and barns to prepare for disaster. Biblical wisdom instead throws open the windows and doors of our homes and builds schools and hospitals and churches, and sees rich Christians become much, much poorer than they might otherwise have been. Ecclesiastes-type wisdom, Christlike wisdom, grows believers who spend their life on living in the world rather than on living in the world so as not to die." – David Gibson

POINT 2: Get Going Today (verses 3-4, 6).

"Too much time spent trying to 'read the skies' will only distract one from the task at hand, and those who always wait for the 'perfect' time to begin a project will not sow and will not reap." – ESV Study Bible

"If there is risk in everything, it is better to fail in launching out than in hugging one's resources to oneself." – Derek Kidner

- The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. **2 Corinthians 9:6 (ESV)**

POINT 3: Go To Your Maker For Everything You Need (verse 5).

"Mr. Dickson, you are advanced in years now and your own prospect is soon to be laid in the grave, there to be eaten by worms; I confess to you, that if I can but live and die serving and honoring the Lord Jesus, it will make no difference to me whether I am eaten by cannibals or by worms. And in the Great Day, my resurrection body will arise as fair as yours in the likeness of the Redeemer." – John G. Paton.