

“Ecclesiastes 3:11-22

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I. God designed it so we don't find real lasting meaning in the things of this _____ apart from him.

II. God has made everything _____ in its time.

“He has made everything beautiful in its time.”

Ecclesiastes 3:11a (NIV)

III. God makes everybody curious about the _____ and hungry for real lasting _____ in life.

“He has also set eternity in the human heart;”

Ecclesiastes 3:11b (NIV)

IV. We don't always see or understand what God is doing in the various activities of life, but we must _____ him and seek to live under his _____.

“yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.”

Ecclesiastes 3:11c (NIV)

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; **in** all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.”

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

V. Satisfaction and meaning can be found in any activity of life when we bring it _____.
“I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. That each of them may eat and drink and find satisfaction in all their toil— this is the gift of God.”

Ecclesiastes 3:12-13 (NIV)

“So, whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”

1 Corinthians 10:31 (NIV)

VI. God always does things for the purpose of _____.

“I know that everything God does will endure forever;”

Ecclesiastes 3:14a (NIV)

VII. God doesn't need any _____ fulfilling his purposes and plans.

“nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it.”

Ecclesiastes 3:14b (NIV)

“For the LORD Almighty has purposed, and who can thwart him? His hand is stretched out, and who can turn it back?”

Isaiah 14:27 (NIV)

“I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say, ‘My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.’”

Isaiah 46:10 (NIV)

“I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted.”

Job 42:2 (NIV)

“Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails.”

Proverbs 19:21 (NIV)

VIII. God designed things for us to work within his divine sovereignty so we will _____ him!
“God does it so that people will fear him.”

Ecclesiastes 3:14c (NIV)

“I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. For we are co-workers in God’s service; you are God’s field, God’s building.”

1 Corinthians 3:6-9 (NIV)

- ❖ When we bring all the seasons and activities of life under the authority of heaven, we don’t change eternal God, but it changes _____ and it changes our experience of eternity!

(Psalm 8:3-9)

- IX. The steadiness of God’s government over this world reminds us that we are _____ to God.

“Whatever is has already been, and what will be has been before; and God will call the past to account.”

Ecclesiastes 3:15 (NIV)

“For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.”

Romans 1:20 (NIV)

- X. Because things in this world currently are _____ as they _____, life seems meaningless.

“And I saw something else under the sun: In the place of judgment—wickedness was there, in the place of justice—wickedness was there.”

Ecclesiastes 3:16 (NIV)

“When the righteous thrive, the people rejoice; when the wicked rule, the people groan.”

Proverbs 29:2 (NIV)

- ❖ Remember the injustice is only _____.

- ❖ God is the ultimate _____ and we are to _____ him.

“I said to myself, “God will bring into judgment both the righteous and the wicked,”

Ecclesiastes 3:17a (NIV)

“The LORD reigns forever; he has established his throne for judgment. He rules the world in righteousness and judges the peoples with equity.”

Psalms 9:7-8 (NIV)

“He said in a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

Revelation 14:7 (NIV)

- ❖ Remember God has appointed a _____ for judgement and for making things right and beautiful.

“for there will be a time for every activity, a time to judge every deed.”

Ecclesiastes 3:17b (NIV)

“just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment,”

Hebrews 9:27 (NIV)

- XI. Without God man is no better than animals. They both just _____.

(Ecclesiastes 3:18-22)