

“Enjoying God’s Gifts In Life”

Ecclesiastes 5:18-20

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- ❖ When we leave God out our heart is sick because our longing for satisfaction and meaning in life is not _____.

“Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life.”

Proverbs 13:12 (NIV)

- I. Receive the gift of the _____ of your life.

“This is what I have observed to be good: that it is appropriate for a person to eat, to drink and to find satisfaction in their toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given them—for this is their lot. Moreover, when God gives someone wealth and possessions, and the ability to enjoy them, to accept their lot and be happy in their toil—this is a gift of God.”

Ecclesiastes 5:18-19 (NIV)

““The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else... God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. ‘For in him we live and move and have our being’.”

Acts 17:24-25, 27-28a (NIV)

“Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.”

1 Timothy 6:17 (NIV)

- ❖ God wants you to _____ life!

“Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.”

Psalms 90:12 (NIV)

II. Receive the gift of _____ in your work.

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❖ Many people think of work as a _____ but God actually gave us work as a _____ for our _____!

“Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.”

Ephesians 4:28 (NIV)

“The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.”

Genesis 2:15 (NIV)

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters,”

Colossians 3:23 (NIV)

III. Receive the gift of _____ in your life

“They seldom reflect on the days of their life, because God keeps them occupied with gladness of heart.”

Ecclesiastes 5:20 (NIV)

“I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength.”

Philippians 4:10-13 (NIV)