

# “Living In This World”

## Ecclesiastes 7-15-18

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- I. Remember that often in the book of Ecclesiastes, Solomon goes back and forth between the \_\_\_\_\_ view of things and the \_\_\_\_\_ view of things.
- II. Solomon often \_\_\_\_\_ his struggles finding meaning in life.
- III. Solomon here is struggling with how sometimes the righteous die \_\_\_\_\_ and the unrighteous live \_\_\_\_\_.
- ❖ But because there is a \_\_\_\_\_ and there is an \_\_\_\_\_ not all accounts are settled in this life on earth.
- “The righteous perish, and no one takes it to heart; the devout are taken away, and no one understands that the righteous are taken away to

be spared from evil. Those who walk uprightly enter into peace; they find rest as they lie in death.

**Isaiah 57:1-2 (NIV)**

“But as for me, my feet had almost slipped; I had nearly lost my foothold. For I envied the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked... Surely in vain I have kept my heart pure and have washed my hands in innocence... till I entered the sanctuary of God; then I understood their final destiny.

**Psalm 73:2-3,13,17**

**(NIV)**

- IV. Solomon’s under the sun solution/answer is:

1) Don’t knock yourself out trying to be \_\_\_\_\_.

“Do not be over righteous,...”

**Ecclesiastes 7:16a (NIV)**

2) Don’t knock yourself out to grow \_\_\_\_\_.

“neither be overwise— why destroy yourself?”

**Ecclesiastes 7:16b**

(NIV)

3) Don't give yourself over to \_\_\_\_\_ wickedness.

“Do not be overwicked, and do not be a fool — why die before your time?”

**Ecclesiastes 7:17 (NIV)**

❖ The Bible \_\_\_\_\_ us \_\_\_\_\_ trying to live for God and for this world.

“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

**Matthew 6:24 (NIV)**

“Can a man scoop fire into his lap without his clothes being burned? Can a man walk on hot coals without his feet being scorched? So is he who sleeps with another man's wife; no one who touches her will go unpunished.”

**Proverbs 6:27-29 (NIV)**

“and do not give the devil a foothold.”

**Ephesians 4:27 (NIV)**

V. Solomon has been giving his meaningless life view in verses 15-17 and now in verse 18, he swings back to a more \_\_\_\_\_

“It is good to grasp the one and not let go of the other. Whoever fears God will avoid all extremes.

**Ecclesiastes 7:18 (NIV)**

Solomon says 3 things:

1. It is good to grasp \_\_\_\_\_.

2. It is good to not let go of \_\_\_\_\_.

“Wisdom, like an inheritance, is a good thing and benefits those who see the sun.

Wisdom is a shelter as money is a shelter, but the advantage of knowledge is this:

Wisdom preserves those who have it.”

**Ecclesiastes 7:11-12 (NIV)**

3. It is good for the men who fears God to avoid all \_\_\_\_\_.

“Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.”

**Romans 12:9 (NIV)**