

*“The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure
Who can understand it?”*

Jeremiah 17:9 (NIV)

6. The hope for the living is to _____ Christ _____.

*“Anyone who is among the living has hope^[a]—even a live
dog is better off than a dead lion!”*

Ecclesiastes 9:4 (NIV)

*“Now there were some present at that time who told
Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed
with their sacrifices. ²Jesus answered, “Do you think that
these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other
Galileans because they suffered this way? ³I tell you, no!
But unless you repent, you too will all perish. ⁴Or those
eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—
do you think they were more guilty than all the others
living in Jerusalem? ⁵I tell you, no! But unless you repent,
you too will all perish.”*

Luke 13:1-5 (NIV)

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Ecclesiastes 9:1-4

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- Solomon was concluding that looking to _____ and
looking to this _____ to satisfy, does not
_____.

*24 “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)

*¹⁵Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone
loves the world, love for the Father^[a] is not in them.*

1 John 2:15 (NIV)

- One of the purposes of the scriptures is that we learn
_____ without experiencing all the pain and
futility of life’s mistakes.

*⁶“Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from
setting our hearts on evil things as they did. ⁷Do not be
idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: “The people sat
down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.” ⁸We
should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and
in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. ⁹We should not
test Christ, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. ¹⁰
And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by
the destroying angel. ¹¹These things happened to them as
examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom
the culmination of the ages has come.”*

1 Corinthians 10:6-11 (NIV)

1. God's people are in _____.

"So I reflected on all this and concluded that the righteous and the wise and what they do are in God's hands, but no one knows whether love or hate awaits them."

Ecclesiastes 9:1 (NIV)

"for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care. Today, if only you would hear his voice,"

Psalms 95:7 (NIV)

"Surely God is good to Israel to those who are pure in heart."

Psalms 73:1 (NIV)

"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."

1 Peter 5:7 (NIV)

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who^[a] have been called according to his purpose."

Romans 8:28 (NIV)

2. The love of God and the hatred of God is not to be measured by man's outward appearance _____ in this _____.

"...but no one knows whether love or hate awaits them."

Ecclesiastes 9:1b (NIV)

"Surely God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart. ²But as for me, my feet had almost slipped; I had nearly lost my foothold. ³For I envied the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked."

Psalms 71:1-3 (NIV)

3. Death is the common _____ of all and the _____ of the truth.

"All share a common destiny—the righteous and the wicked, the good and the bad,^[a] the clean and the unclean, those who offer sacrifices and those who do not. As it is with the good, so with the sinful; as it is with those who take oaths, so with those who are afraid to take them."

Ecclesiastes 9:2 (NIV)

"For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done."

Matthew 16:27 (NIV)

"Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. ⁸Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. ⁹Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:7-9 (NIV)

4. It is a strong temptation to be _____ and _____ in this world.

"...This is the evil in everything that happens under the sun: The same destiny overtakes all. "

Ecclesiastes 9:3a,b (NIV)

5. Man is _____ in his heart.

"...The hearts of people, moreover, are full of evil and there is madness in their hearts while they live, and afterward they join the dead."

Ecclesiastes 9:3c (NIV)