

“Is There Life Before Death?”

Ecclesiastes 1:12-18

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I. The book of Ecclesiastes is a solid dose of _____!

II. Many people look for life before death in _____ and/or _____.

(Ecclesiastes 1:12-18)

III. Our human and worldly honors and advantages are _____ and _____.

“I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem.”

Ecclesiastes 1:12

(NIV)

“Where there is knowledge, it will pass away.”

1 Corinthians 13:8

(NIV)

IV. Education and knowledge are good things, but they can be _____ and _____ things.

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ... Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil.”

Proverbs 3:5,7 (NIV)

“The way of fools seems right to them, but the wise listen to advice.”

Proverbs 12:15 (NIV)

“Next is your question about eating food that has been sacrificed to idols. On this question everyone feels that only his answer is the right one! But although being a “know-it-all” makes us feel important, what is really needed to build the church is love. If anyone thinks he knows all the answers, he is just showing his ignorance. But the person who truly loves God is the one who is open to God’s knowledge.”

1 Corinthians 8:1-3 (TLB)

“Oh, Timothy, don’t fail to do these things that God entrusted to you. Keep out of foolish arguments with those who boast of their “knowledge” and thus prove their lack of it. Some of these people have missed the most

important thing in life—they don't know God.
May God's mercy be upon you. Sincerely, Paul”

1 Timothy 6:20-21 (TLB)

(1 Corinthians 3:18-20)

- V. There is an _____ wisdom and there is a _____ wisdom.

“So, what about these wise men, these scholars, these brilliant debaters of this world's great affairs? God has made them all look foolish and shown their wisdom to be useless nonsense. For God in his wisdom saw to it that the world would never find God through human brilliance, and then he stepped in and saved all those who believed his message, which the world calls foolish and silly.”

1 Corinthians 1:20-21 (TLB)

- ❖ Human wisdom is _____ centered and limited but Godly wisdom is _____ centered.

- VI. You cannot understand what God is doing by _____.

“I applied my mind to study and to explore by wisdom all that is done under the heavens. What a heavy burden God has laid on mankind!”

Ecclesiastes 1:13 (NIV)

“Where then does wisdom come? Where does understanding dwell? ... God understands the way to it, and he alone knows where it dwells, ... And he said to the human race, “The fear of the Lord—that is wisdom, and to shun evil is understanding.”

Job 28:20,23,28 (NIV)

(Psalm 73)

- VII. Mankind is twisted and broken by _____ and no amount of earthly knowledge or philosophy or psychology will cure man of his problem or satisfy his need!

“What is crooked cannot be straightened; what is lacking cannot be counted.”

Ecclesiastes 1:15

(NIV)

- VIII. It doesn't matter how much I learn or know in life because if I don't _____ it will not satisfy,

“For with much wisdom comes much sorrow; the more knowledge, the more grief.”

Ecclesiastes 1:18

(NIV)