

What Money Can't Buy Notes

Ecclesiastes 5:8-20

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Main Point: The love of money will not provide meaning in life.

Political Solutions Are Often _____ (vs. 8).

1. Solomon is saying that no matter how good a government may be, or what political party is in power, poor people are often oppressed and treated _____.
2. Human nature is inherently sinful, _____, and self-seeking.
3. A system of checks and balances where officials are watched by those above them should protect and preserve society, but it doesn't always work that way.
4. This could mean the king extorted people through high _____ and oppressive policies.
5. Or it could refer to how a king provided _____ by caring for fields in a well-ordered way and giving protection to the people.

The Pursuit of Money is _____

1. Money will never _____ (vs. 10).
 - The word "satisfied" means "to be _____."
 - The illusion of obtaining happiness through wealth will ultimately wash up on the shores of meaninglessness.
2. More income brings _____ appetites and expenses (vs. 11).
 - When you have a lot, you tend to _____ others who want what you have (Proverbs 19:4).
3. Riches cause _____.
 - The word "sweet" means, " _____ " and was often used to describe honey.
 - The word "much" has the idea of " _____."
 - With an increase in wealth comes increased _____ (Ecclesiastes 2:23).
4. _____ will mess you up (vs. 13).
 - The word "grievous" means " _____."
 - The word "kept" refers to _____ to such an extreme that one keeps, watches, and preserves his wealth by hiding it and nailing it shut for protection.
 - Materialism can become a malignancy in your soul and cause you to _____ on your faith (1 Timothy 6:10).
5. Money can disappear _____ (vs. 14).
6. You can't _____ it with you (vs. 15, Job 1:21, 1 Timothy 6:7).
 - The phrase "grievous evil" can be translated as "severe _____ or depressing misfortune."
7. It's _____ to be a miser (vs. 17).

- This is where greed will lead. You will be alone, anxious, afflicted, and angry.
- The word “darkness” refers to “having a _____ face.”

A Preoccupation with _____ Brings Contentment (vs. 18-20)

1. The word “behold” is vivid and communicates _____ and surprise.
2. Without God, everything is _____ and miserable.
3. When God is front and center in our lives, He will give joy and _____ to us so we can be satisfied with what we have.
4. Everything we have is a _____ from God.
5. Since joy and contentment are gifts from God, we can rejoice in the _____ things of life.
6. When I’m occupied with _____, I don’t have anxiety about other things in my life and my struggles are all but forgotten.
7. When I’m preoccupied with my _____, my joy is jettisoned.

Action Steps

1. _____ everything you own to God (Psalm 24:1).
2. _____ the secret of contentment (Philippians 4:11-13).
3. _____ the Lord’s prayer every day.
4. _____ what God has given to you (Matthew 6:24).
5. _____ to Jesus and experience satisfaction in your soul.