

OUTLINE 08/23/26
Chasing Possessions
Ecclesiastes 5-6 (NLT)

God teaches me through the life of Solomon (in the book of Ecclesiastes) that possessions will not ultimately satisfy my mind, heart, or soul. Living for possessions will not only leave me empty they also create a huge load to bear.

LOADED DOWN BY POSSESSIONS

1. Possessions will not make me happy long term.

¹⁰ Those who love money will never have enough. How meaningless to think that wealth brings true happiness. Ecclesiastes 5:10

2. Possessions are costly & temporary.

¹¹ The more you have, the more people come to help you spend it. So what good is wealth—except perhaps to watch it slip through your fingers! Ecclesiastes 5:11

3. Possessions are a heavy load to every part of my being.

¹ There is another serious tragedy I have seen under the sun, and it weighs heavily on humanity. ² God gives some people great wealth and honor and everything they could ever want, but then he doesn't give them the chance to enjoy these things. They die, and someone else, even a stranger, ends up enjoying their wealth! This is meaningless—a sickening tragedy. Ecclesiastes 6:1-2

HOW TO UNLOAD

1. Learn to enjoy what I have instead of acquiring more.

*⁹ Enjoy what you have rather than desiring what you don't have. Just dreaming about nice things is meaningless—**like chasing the wind**. Ecclesiastes 6:9*

2. Give: Unload my possessions before my family is stuck with them.

¹⁵ We all come to the end of our lives as naked and empty-handed as on the day we were born. We can't take our riches with us. Ecclesiastes 5:15

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How to Receive Christ:

"Dear Jesus, thank You for loving me even though I'm a sinner. I ask for your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sin and that You rose from the dead. I trust You as my Savior and follow You as Lord, from this day forward. Amen."

Discussion Questions:

1. Why do we try so hard to pile up possessions?
2. What are the downsides to being materialistic?
3. How can we learn to be more content?