

## NOTES

**Ecclesiastes 5:8-12 (NLT)** - Don't be surprised if you see a poor person being oppressed by the powerful and if justice is being miscarried throughout the land. For every official is under orders from higher up, and matters of justice get lost in red tape and bureaucracy. Even the king milks the land for his own profit! Those who love money will never have enough. How meaningless to think that wealth brings true happiness! 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! People who work hard sleep well, whether they eat little or much. But the rich seldom get a good night's sleep.

**Wealth oppresses some. Wealth does not satisfy.  
Wealth leaves you frustrated.**

**Those who have clutched after wealth can quickly crash.**  
(*Ecclesiastes 5:13-15*)

**Those who live high can die hard. (*Ecclesiastes 5:16-17*)**

## Solomon suggests three priceless gifts wealth offers:

- **Claim the gift of enjoyment.** (*Ecclesiastes 5:18*)
- **Claim the gift of work enjoyment.** (*Ecclesiastes 5:19*)
- **Claim the gift of contentment.** (*Ecclesiastes 5:20*)

**Ecclesiastes 6:1-2 (NET)** - Here is another misfortune that I have seen on earth, and it weighs heavily on people: God gives a man riches, property, and wealth so that he lacks nothing that his heart desires, yet God does not enable him to enjoy the fruit of his labor — instead, someone else enjoys it! This is fruitless and a grave misfortune.

**Satisfaction in life does not increase with more children, more years, more hard work and more wisdom. (*Ecclesiastes 6:3,6-8*)**

**God controls the flow of financial resources in your life.  
Learn to be content.**



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