

**Dig Deeper @Home – “Searching for Meaning”
Complement to sermon on November 20, 2016 – “In Money”**

MEMORIZE – Ecclesiastes 12:13

The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of all people.

READ Ecclesiastes 4: 7-12 & 5:10-6:12

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What is this passage revealing about God and what is it revealing about us as humans?

2. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life? What will that look like?

3. Read 4:8 again. What keeps a person from asking, "for whom am I toiling and depriving myself of pleasure?"
 - a. How do we overcome this? (hint: compare 4:8 with 5:10-12)

 - b. Why/how is pleasure being deprived?

 - c. Take time to answer the question yourself ... "for whom are you toiling and depriving yourself of pleasure?" (for what should we toil?)

4. What does it mean to have "a soul satisfied with life's good things" as Solomon talks about in 6:3 and how is this related to the proverb in 6:9, "Better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering of the appetite?"

5. Read Ecclesiastes 6:1-2 and then compare with Luke 12:13-21. Where have we fallen in the way of the rich fool and what can we learn from this?

Bottom Line - Give a one or two sentence summary of the scripture:

Experiential

Sometimes activities help us to understand and process biblical truths. The one below is a suggestion for how to experience the truths of Ecclesiastes 4: 7-12 & 5:10-6:12. Feel free to use one of these or any you might come up with.

The Source of Happiness

Watch the following clip from Veggie Tales movie "[Lord of the Beans](#)." Billboy stumbled upon the bean of power and thought that happiness would come from all the things this bean could give him. Listen to the song and see if this in fact led to happiness. Compare this to what Solomon is saying (specifically Ecclesiastes 6:10-12) and even share from your own experiences of seeking happiness. Finally, reflect upon Ecclesiastes 12:13 and how that verse gives guidance on how to experience happiness.

SING (a suggested song to sing. Use this or any song you might want to sing)

Lay Me Down - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F7t2CI43nOU>

As you sing this song, keep in mind all of your possessions, money, wealth. Let your prayer be that you will surrender these things to the Lords will...how does He want you to use and spend these things?

Hymn - I Surrender All - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7x2lpLSfqp8>

All we have is Gods. Surrender it to Him and His purposes.

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the lesson: Lord, grant us the power to enjoy all that you have blessed us with, whether great or small. Give us the power to see all that we have as Yours, to be used for Your glory and the good of others. Amen.