

# Life Under the Sun: The Message of Ecclesiastes

Lakewood Presbyterian Church

## Lesson 6 Ecclesiastes 7:16-29 (6-29-25)

**Key Idea:** *Religious integrity and sexual integrity are very closely related because both the self-righteous and the libertine deceive themselves. The man or woman who is just knows themselves to be a sinner and fears God. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom as well as true freedom.*

### I. THE STRUCTURE OF ECCLESIASTES & SOLOMONS ARGUMENT

- A. We continue our look at the third major s\_\_\_\_\_ of Ecclesiastes (6:1-8:17).
- B. This section breaks down into three sub-sections:
  1. “We must evaluate the o\_\_\_\_\_ condition of men properly (6:1-7:15).
  2. We must evaluate other m\_\_\_\_\_ properly (7:16-29).
  3. The sin of p\_\_\_\_\_ men can b\_\_\_\_\_ the view (8:1-15)”

--Doug Wilson, *Joy at the End of the Tether*, p.88

### II. THE TRAP OF SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS

(7:16-22)

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### III. THE TRAP OF “FREE LOVE’ AND SEXUAL SIN

(7:23-28)

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### IV. ORIGINAL RIGHTEOUSNESS AND ORIGINAL SIN

(7:29)

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