

Life Under the Sun: The Message of Ecclesiastes

Lakewood Presbyterian Church

Key Idea: "Let the result—be it success or failure—rest in the hand of God. But do not just sit there, waiting for secure guarantees for life. Do something now, right where you are."

Walter Kaiser, *Ecclesiastes: Total Life*, p. 115

Lesson 9
Ecclesiastes 9:10-11:6
(7-27-25)

I. THE FOURTH DIVISION IN ECCLESIASTES OUTLINED (8:16-12:14)

Section IV of Ecclesiastes is an extended argument dealing with objections to the idea of God's sovereignty which was presented in Section II (3:1-5:20). It is composed of three sub-sections and an overall conclusion:

1. Don't let your j_____ be diminished by any remaining mysteries / incongruities **(8:16-9:9)**.
2. Don't let any remaining mysteries / incongruities keep you from w_____ with all your m_____ **(9:10-11:6)**
3. The reminder of our own appointment with d_____ and the facing our C_____ should inform all our God-given joy and activity **(11:7-12:8)**
4. The end of the matter / conclusion **(12:9-14)**

II. WORK WHILE IT IS YET DAY (9:10-12)

III. GOD GIVEN WISDOM IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE IN OUR WORK (9:13-18)

IV. RESULTS OF FOOLISH & WISE WORKS ARE CONTRASTED (10:1-20)

The cost of folly _____

The character of the fool _____

Resisting foolish ruler _____

Equality run amok _____

Wise and foolish planning _____

Foolish talk _____

Foolish rulers _____

Foolish subjects _____

True words spoken foolishly _____

V. DON'T LET FEAR OF THE FUTURE PARALYZE YOU

(11:1-6)
