



ECCLESIASTES

Discovering Life in the Land of Death



Ecclesiastes 5:8-20

⁸ If you see in a province the oppression of the poor and the violation of justice and righteousness, do not be amazed at the matter, for the high official is watched by a higher, and there are yet higher ones over them. ⁹ But this is gain for a land in every way: a king committed to cultivated fields.



Ecclesiastes 5:8-20

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Ecclesiastes 5:8-20

¹³ There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, ¹⁴ and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. ¹⁵ As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. ¹⁶ This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? ¹⁷ Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger.



Ecclesiastes 5:8-20

¹⁸ Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. ¹⁹ Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God. ²⁰ For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

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Ecclesiastes 5:10

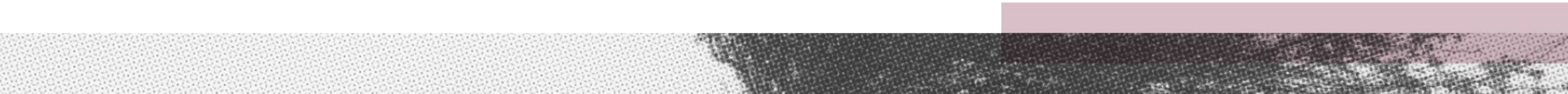
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1 Timothy 6:10

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.



2. Money doesn't satisfy... the more
you have the more people want it.

Ecclesiastes 5:11

¹¹ When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and
what advantage has their owner but to see them with his
eyes?



3. Money doesn't satisfy... the more you have the less you sleep.

Ecclesiastes 5:12

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4. Money doesn't last... you can lose it in life.

Ecclesiastes 5:13-14

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5. Money doesn't last... you will lose it in death.

Ecclesiastes 5:15-16

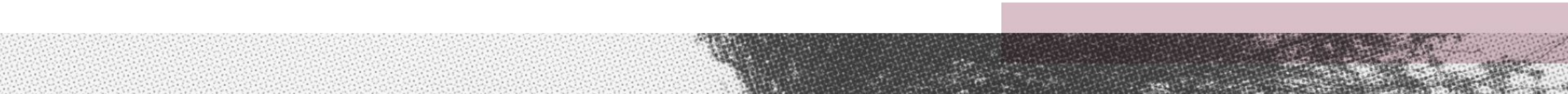
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Job 1:21

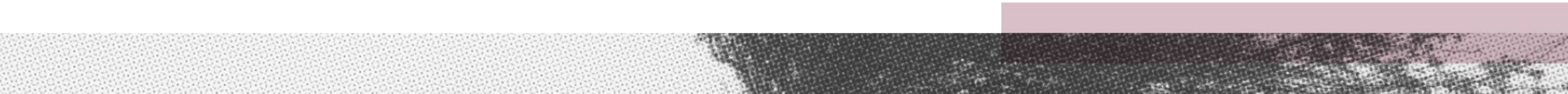
“Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return.”





1 Timothy 6:7

We brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world.





The Enjoyment Of Pursuing What Is Good And Fitting

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2 Corinthians 8:9

⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.



John 6:27

Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you.

