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Ecclesiastes 11:1-6 | “No Risks, No Rewards”

Scripture References

Ecclesiastes 11:1–6
Hebrews 11:1, 6
2 Corinthians 9:6–11
Matthew 25:14–30
Proverbs 6:6–11
1 Timothy 6:17–19
Matthew 6:19–21

Study Questions

1. How would you describe your financial stewardship (11:1–2)? In what ways do you invest wisely and diversely? How are you actively seeking godly financial counsel? From whom do you seek this counsel? How often do you revisit your financial portfolio? How has the Lord demonstrated His faithfulness to you in your finances? If you are married, how do you ensure that you and your spouse agree on the level of risk you are willing to assume?
2. Describe a time you felt led to do something without knowing if it would work out. What did you do? What was the eventual result? In what areas of your life have you been afraid to move forward for fear of failure (11:3–4)? What steps of faith could you take in the next week? How would your life be different if you began to confront your fears? When have you confronted your fears with God’s Word and His courage? What was the result?
3. How well do you handle failure? What lessons have you learned from your past mistakes? Are you gun-shy about the future? When was the last time you broke from your routine and did something unusual or even strange without being overly cautious? What needs to change in your heart before you can be bold again?
4. What are some of the harms of procrastination (11:6)? What are the most common reasons people put things off until later? What project, dream, idea, or initiative have you been postponing? When do you plan to get started? What is the first step you need to take? What are you waiting for?
5. Since you cannot know God’s thoughts or ways (11:2, 5, 6), how should you live? What is your understanding of God’s will? What freedoms do you have to make decisions? How can you be faithful to discern His plans and purposes for your life?

Recommended Reading

Kevin G. Harney, *Reckless Faith: Embracing a Life without Limits* (Baker, 2019)
Randy Alcorn, *Money, Possessions, and Eternity, revised ed.* (Tyndale, 2021)
Gary Inrig, *True North: Discovering God’s Way in a Changing World* (Discovery House, 2002)