

March 27, 2022 | Pastor Keith Krell
Ecclesiastes 5:8-6:9 | “The Naked Truth”

Sermon Application Review from Ecclesiastes 5:1–7

In what specific ways did you prepare for worship this past week (5:1)?

How did you listen to God’s Word (5:2–3)?

How did you express your fear of God (5:7)?

Scripture References

Ecclesiastes 5:8–6:9

Psalms 73:23–26

Proverbs 23:4–5; 28:22

Matthew 6:19–34

Philippians 4:4, 10–19

1 Timothy 6:6–19

Hebrews 13:5

Study Questions

1. In what ways are you satisfied with what God has given you in this life (5:10–12; 6:7–9)? What would be different if you were more satisfied with your income? What steals your contentment and joy? Read Matthew 6:24; 16:26; 1 Timothy 6:10; and Hebrews 13:5. At what point in your life have you been the most content? Why? How are you currently learning contentment? Read Philippians 4:11–12.
2. What motivates you to fulfill your daily responsibilities? How important is your job to your self-image? How have you looked to your work to satisfy the needs of your soul? When you have success, who receives the credit? If you are financially well off, have your friends increased (5:11; cf. Proverbs 14:20)? Would these people remain if you lost all your wealth tomorrow? Are you happier than you have ever been or were you better off when you didn’t have as much (5:12)? When were you more satisfied (cf. 5:10)?
3. What are the results of seeking and hoarding wealth (5:13)? How have you been guilty of hoarding your wealth? How have you seen your riches fail you (5:14)? What will you leave behind when you die (5:15–16)? How can you become a generous and cheerful giver? Read 2 Corinthians 9:6.
4. In what ways do you enjoy the wealth, children, long life, and blessings God has given you (6:1–6)? How does God provide meaning to your work, marriage, family, possessions, ministry, and personal interests? What things are you holding too tightly these days? What has God been asking you to let go? How do you include God in the various roles and responsibilities of your life?
5. What makes your heart truly glad (5:18–20)? Is it money, possessions, pleasure, or success? How would viewing material possessions as a gift from God change our attitude? How is your work and your wealth a part of fulfilling God’s eternal plan for His kingdom? How does trusting God provide you comfort and peace through difficult financial times or even when times are extremely fruitful? In what ways and situations do you give Him thanks for what He has given to you?

Recommended Reading

Randy Alcorn, *Giving Is the Good Life: The Unexpected Path to Purpose and Joy* (Tyndale, 2019)

Gene Getz, *Real Prosperity: Biblical Principles of Material Possessions* (Moody, 1990)

Jeremiah Burroughs, *The Rare Jewel of Christian Contentment* (Sovereign Grace, [1648] 2001)