



## Eccl 10-11 Building Your Heavenly 401k

**Point 1: Labor Large- 10:18-19** Work brings satisfaction. Do it well. God's people aren't lazy.

**1<sup>st</sup> Certainty: The future is uncertain, so be wise with your resources.**

**11:1-2** Financial Diversification or Generous living? **Both:** 1. Because the teacher has already said accumulating shouldn't be the goal as it doesn't bring happiness and 2. The words: V.1 Send v.2 Give -Hb idiom for giving generously. Both investments and generosity benefit from diversification.

**2<sup>nd</sup> certainty: Only God is certain of the future.** So have a **loose grip (Point 2: Hold Loosely)**. Stop trying to control everything (you can't). V.5 Even if you can discern the future, only God knows perfectly. *Job 38-42 List of charges of what Job doesn't know. His only answer is to zip it.*

### Point 3 - 11:7-10 Enjoy life

**Summary:** A key to a good life is a balance between 3 things: *Labor Large, Let Loose, Love life.*

1. **Labor Large** 11:6- A theology of work.
  - a. **God works, made us to work.**
  - b. **Work is a blessing to us.**
  - c. **We work to bless others:** (Ephesians 4:28)
2. **Hold Loosely:** They only way to work to help others is having a loose grip on material wealth.
  - a. **Recognize that everything belongs to God.**
  - b. **Trust God to give what we need.**
  - c. **Value heavenly investments:** Matthew 6:19-21.
3. **Enjoy life: 11:8,9** work hard but to play hard but keep in mind 2 things:
  - a. **V.8 life is limited**
  - b. **v.9. There is a judgment.** Enjoy life tempered with wisdom and an accounting.

### Grow Group Questions:

1. Solomon continually reminds us of the brevity of life. Imagine that day has come: discuss how you would like to be described in the eulogy when it comes to how you used your assets, abilities and time?
2. Given the statistical certainty of our deaths, do you have instructions on how you want your finances to be distributed or invested to bless your family AND further the kingdom of God? (Tip: we have an estate planning class on April 30th specifically to answer questions and plan, see [www.feathersoundchurch.com](http://www.feathersoundchurch.com)).
3. Reflect hard on your discretionary time. Is it invested well? Am I purposeful in what I want to accomplish even with my discretionary time or am I defaulted into wasting time?
4. Do I see my work as holy? Or worship? If not, why not?
5. Read Psalm 39:4-7 How does this change how I live?

### Announcements 4/16

- Tampa Bay Pro-Life Alliance Breakfast – 4/27 at 9am in the Fellowship Hall.
- Youth Car Wash – 4/29 from 10am to 1pm. Youth fundraising event at the church.
- Estate Planning and Planned Giving – 4/30 at 12:30 in the Fellowship Hall – Lunch Provided Register online!
- Walk for Life – 5/6 at 9am at Northshore Park in St. Petersburg. Register online.
- Baby Dedications – 5/14 during the 11am service. Register online!