

Ecclesiastes 11:1-8

Day 1: Show Patience & Giving

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 11:1-2, Proverbs 11:24-25

Meditation: Solomon was very involved with trade during his time. When ships set sail, they would be gone for long periods of time, but when they returned, they did not return empty handed. He is really trying to bring to light the adage "patience is a virtue." In addition to patience, Solomon brings to light something needed for our age today. Even in uncertain times, God calls us to continue to give and not hoard. Both traits are very much what God uses on us daily. It's only fitting we return what He has already shown.

Reflection: How hard is it for you to show patience? What things can you do to improve in this area? Do you believe God has given you everything you have? Have you given back to God?

Prayer: Ask God to help you with the fruit of the Spirit. Ask for patience, ask to become open to giving of your time, talent and tithe. Then ask that He continues to be patient with you as you learn.

Day 2: Show Faith

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 11:3-5, Psalms 37:4

Meditation: Farming has always been considered a difficult job and this is especially true for those in the biblical times. We can see that Solomon is showing us that nobody knows how God intends to work in His creation. But what we do know is that He intends to work in His creation. Therefore, we need to choose to live in faith. With the understanding that God is in control, we should get up do what is needed and work hard until time of rest. Life is an adventure of faith. Be willing to receive what you reap.

Reflection: What areas of faith do you struggle with? Why do you think this is the case? Is there anything you can do to help gain more faith? Are you willing to do it?

Prayer: Seek forgiveness for lacking faith in certain areas of your life. Pray that you can give up what control you have so that God can use you for His full purpose.

Day 3: Show Commitment

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 11:6-8, 1 Corinthians 3:7

Meditation: When we are willing to be diligent to do the work that God has commanded us, the reward will be great. It doesn't mean we will be financially set for life, but what it does mean is that we will find the joy that God promises the faithful. God gives us a gift with each day He brings. It's important for us to do what we need on that day so we can return what He has given us. And when there are rewards, enjoy what God has rewarded and thank Him for it.

Reflection: Do you struggle with commitment? If problems are not solved immediately, do you want to give up? How does showing commitment honor God? What areas can you improve in this?

Prayer: Pray that God will continue to show you ways in which you can serve His kingdom. Ask him for the strength to endure whatever challenge He gives to you this day.