



**“HOW THE LACK OF KNOWLEDGE CAN MOTIVATE US”**  
***Ecclesiastes 11:1-10***

**INTRODUCTION**

**Faith Is The Key - 1-6** - a life of faith is needed.

**Joy Is The Key – vs 7-10** - a life of joy is desirable.

**What About These Things We Don’t Know?**

**IT MOTIVATES US TO RELY ON GOD FOR THE RESULTS AND REWARDS OF OUR LABOR - 1-2**

→ **We see the EXTENT of such dependence - 1-2a**

- In terms of **Faith**, there is risk involved
  - ***decision*** (“cast”)
  - ***commitment*** (“your bread”)
  - ***reward*** (“you will find it”)
  - ***patience*** (“after many days”)

- In terms of **Enthusiasm**

*Proverbs 19:17; Luke 14:12-14; 16:9*

→ **We see the EXPLANATION behind such dependence - 2b**

**IT MOTIVATES US TO RESIST THE TENDENCY TO DO NOTHING BECAUSE OF WHAT WE FEAR MAY HAPPEN - 3-4**

→ We cannot CONTROL some things - 3

→ We cannot CONCERN ourselves with what we think may happen - 4

**IT MOTIVATES US TO RESPOND TO THE OPPORTUNITIES GOD GIVES US - 5-6**

→ Because we don't know how God works - 5

*Ps.139:13-16, Isa. 44:24-25*

→ Because we don't know what God may prosper - 6

*Psalms 104:23*

**IT MOTIVATES US TO REMEMBER THAT MANY DAYS WILL BE DIFFICULT - 7-8**

→ It reminds us to ENJOY the time we do have - 7-8a

→ It reminds us to EVALUATE the future carefully - 8b

**IT MOTIVATES US TO REJOICE WHILE WE CAN BUT WITH A SENSE OF ACCOUNTABILITY TO GOD - 9**

**IT MOTIVATES US TO REMOVE ANYTHING IN OUR LIVES THAT WOULD HINDER OUR JOY AND WALK WITH THE LORD - 10**

→ That includes emotional DISAPPOINTMENTS

→ That includes moral DEFILEMENT