



Ecclesiastes: *The Vanity of Life Under the Sun*

Ecclesiastes 7:15-29

Introduction

Solomon's main idea

❖ **Ecclesiastes 7:15-18**

- 1. Sometimes good people die young and wicked people live long and prosper**
- 2. Don't be too holy and don't be too wicked**

❖ **Ecclesiastes 7:16-17**

(1) Too holy and too wise

- ❖ Luke 18:11-12—*The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.*

(2) Too wicked and foolish

- ❖ Romans 6:6—*We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin.*
- ❖ Romans 6:1-2—*What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?*

3. Fear God

❖ **Ecclesiastes 7:18**

Medicine for one who is too holy

❖ **Ecclesiastes 7:19-22**

1. Listen to wisdom, there's great power in it (19)
2. You're not as holy as you think you are...No one is (20)
3. Illustration of that point (21-22)

Medicine for the too wise

❖ **Ecclesiastes 7:23-24**

- God's ways are beyond searching. You're not as wise as you think you are.



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Medicine for the one who is *too wicked and foolish*

❖ **Ecclesiastes 7:25-26**

- Know what's even worse than living a righteous life and dying young? Living a long life in which you are enslaved to your sinful passions. This is the fate for the one who is too wicked and foolish.
- You know who doesn't deal with this? The righteous man who fears God.

Concluding observation

❖ **Ecclesiastes 7:27-29**