

Ecclesiastes: *The Vanity of Life Under the Sun*

Ecclesiastes 5:8-6:9

Introduction

- A. Ecclesiastes 5:8-12—The greedy person is never satisfied
 - B. Ecclesiastes 5:13-17—A greedy person's greed can cause him great harm
 - C. Ecclesiastes 5:18-20—Gratitude to God is better than greed
- And after this, Solomon's climatic point, he goes on to reiterate his first two point in inverse order...
- B. Ecclesiastes 6:1-6—Solomon shows us that a greedy person's greed can cause him great harm
 - A. Ecclesiastes 6:7-9—Solomon shows us that the greedy person is never satisfied

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3. **Gratitude to God better than greed:** Ecclesiastes 5:18-20

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❖ **Ecclesiastes 5:17**

- (1) The greedy man eats in darkness
- (2) The greedy man is plagued by much vexation
- (3) The greedy man is plagued by sickness

❖ Proverbs 14:30—*A tranquil heart gives life to the flesh, but envy makes the bones rot.*

- (4) The greedy man is overcome by anger

❖ 1 Corinthians 6:9-10—*Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.*

Gratitude towards God is better than greed: *Ecclesiastes 5:18-20*

1. **Stuff isn't evil, greed is**



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- ❖ 1 Timothy 6:10—For **the love of money** is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

2. Gratitude is better than greed

Personal Application

- ❖ Matthew 6:24—No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.
- ❖ Hebrews 13:5—Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you
- ❖ Philippians 4:11-13—I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.
- ❖ Philippians 3:7-9—But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him,
- ❖ Matthew 6:20—lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.