



“Being Content in a Restless World”

Ecclesiastes 5:10-20

LISTEN

Record your insights and observations from this week’s sermon:

SHARE

Imagine you are on your deathbed. As you look back over your life, what are you most thankful for?

REFLECT

a) Review Ecclesiastes 5:10-20. If possible, read on through Chapter 6.

b) What is the Preacher’s attitude toward money in these verses? Why does he connect wealth with meaninglessness in 5:10, 6:2, and 6:9?

c) The Preacher seems to be entirely critical of making money and having possessions. Do you agree with his perspective? Why or why not?

d) In Ecclesiastes 5:18, the Preacher says that “it is good and proper for a man to eat and drink, and to find satisfaction in his toilsome labor under the sun.” Similar statements appear throughout the book (2:24, 3:12-13, 3:22, 8:15,

9:7-9, 11:8). How do you interpret these verses – as a godly call to enjoy the moment, as a cynical lament of resignation, or a little bit of both?

e) Ecclesiastes 5-6 focuses on man’s restless addiction to money. What other cravings did Mike mention in his sermon that are symptomatic of a restless heart?

APPLY

a) What things in life do you crave but never get enough of?

b) What is it costing you to strive after those things?

c) Viewed correctly, money can be a great blessing. It’s the *love* of money that is a root of all kinds of evil (1 Timothy 6:10). How can you prevent the *gift* of money from becoming a “*lover*” in your life?

d) Why is Jesus all you really need?

PRAY

- a) Pray for our high school students and leaders on the final week of their mission trip in London. Pray for students to experience God’s grace and strength as they minister to Sikhs, Muslims, and Hindus.
- b) Pray for parents and students gearing up for the start of another school year.
- c) Thank God for providing for our church in so many ways: financially, physically, spiritually, etc. Ask God to help us steward his generous gifts with wisdom and faithfulness.