

Living out your purpose well

Ecclesiastes 9:10-10:11

- I. Work faithfully at what God assigns you (Ecclesiastes 9:10-12).
 - A. Work eagerly now because you can't work when you die (9:10).
 - 1 Corinthians 10:31; Colossians 3:23; John 9:4
 - B. Work faithfully in spite of life's uncertainties (9:11-12).
 1. Success is not guaranteed by abilities (11).
 2. Life span is uncertain in an evil world (12).

- II. Work wisely to impact others for good (Ecclesiastes 9:13-18).
 - A. Wisdom can give the unknown quiet impact (9:13-15).
 - B. Wisdom is better than strength (9:16-18).

- III. Work wisely to avoid the sad cost of foolishness (Ecclesiastes 10:1-11).
 - A. Foolishness can spoil anything (1-7).
 1. Little foolish choices cause big mistakes (1).
 2. The wise work safe and smart, but not fools (2).
 3. Fools are oblivious to their faults (3).
 4. Be calm when rulers/bosses are angry (4).
 5. Beware when rulers/bosses give power to fools (5-7).
 - B. Wisdom is the key to success (8-11).
 1. All profitable work has risks (8-9).
 2. Wise maintenance increases success (10).
 3. Fools respond to danger too late (11).