



A TIME FOR EVERYTHING

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A TIME TO WORK
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KEY SCRIPTURE

Ecclesiastes 2:8-9

I amassed great sums of silver and gold, hired wonderful singers and had many beautiful women—everything a man could desire. I became far greater than any other king, yet my wisdom stayed with me so I could evaluate everything.

Ecclesiastes 2:10

I denied myself nothing my eyes desired.

Ecclesiastes 2:3

I wanted to see what was worthwhile for people to do during the few days of their lives.

Ecclesiastes 2:11

Everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind; nothing was gained under the sun.

Ecclesiastes 2:17

So I hated life.

Ecclesiastes 2:24

A person can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in his or her work. This is from the hand of God.

Colossians 3:23

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as if working for the Lord, not for people.

Galations 6:4

Be sure to do what you should, then you'll enjoy the personal satisfaction of having done your work well.

Luke 10:7

A worker deserves his wages.

1 Timothy 5:8

If a person doesn't provide for his family, he has denied the faith.

NOTES

DISCUSSION

GUIDE

Solomon, the author of Ecclesiastes, acquired an incredible amount of wealth and power in his lifetime. He had everything he wanted. In fact, he had so much of everything that he lost his desire for anything. He realized that without God involved, it's a dead end; that we should focus on our relationship with Christ and honor him in all that we do. Our work matters to God, and it honors him when we do it well.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What could happen if we each brought our very best to the workplace and God's spirit of excellence, love, and kindness to others?
2. Read **Galatians 6:4**. How can you live out this verse daily? Do you feel like you are doing what God has called you to do?
3. Pastor Bob talked about four alignments: the God-alignment, passion-alignment, challenge-alignment, and compensation-alignment. What area are you most aligned with? Which one needs the most work? What can you do this week to better align your job in that area?
4. Read **Ruth 2:1-7**. Ruth was a hard worker—she gathered grain left behind from the harvesters, day after day, for no pay or benefits. She put her time in, and in the end, her hard work paid off. How does Ruth's story encourage you?

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

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COMMIT TO MEMORY

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