

Bursting Bubbles

“To Bible or Not to Bible” - Ecclesiastes

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Ecclesiastes 1:1-2 The words of the Teacher, son of David, king in Jerusalem:

²“Meaningless! Meaningless!” says the Teacher. “Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless.”

4 Bubbles that burst for Solomon

Bubble #1: W_____ moments

Ecclesiastes 2:10 “I denied myself nothing my eyes desired; I refused my heart no pleasure.”

Bubble #2: W_____

Ecclesiastes 2:17-19 “So I hated life, because the work that is done under the sun was grievous to me. All of it is meaningless, a chasing after the wind. ¹⁸I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me. ¹⁹And who knows whether that person will be wise or foolish? Yet they will have control over all the fruit of my toil into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun.

Bubble #3: W_____

2 Chronicles 9:13-14 “The weight of the gold that Solomon received yearly was 666 talents.”

Ecclesiastes 5:10 “Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income. This too is meaningless. ¹¹As goods increase, so do those who consume them. And what benefit are they to the owners except to feast their eyes on them?”

1 Timothy 6:6: “But godliness with contentment is great gain.”

Bubble #4 W_____

¹¹Wisdom, like an inheritance, is a good thing and benefits those who see the sun. ¹²Wisdom is a shelter as money is a shelter, but the advantage of knowledge is this: Wisdom preserves those who have it. ¹³Consider what God has done: Who can straighten what he has made crooked? ¹⁴When times are good, be happy; but when times are bad, consider this: God has made the one as well as the other. Therefore, no one can discover anything about their future. ¹⁵In this

meaningless life of mine I have seen both of these: the righteous perishing in their righteousness, and the wicked living long in their wickedness.”

1. Invest in the V_____

“If we find in ourselves a desire that nothing in this life can satisfy, it must mean that we were made for another world.” – C.S. Lewis

2. Find a friend to B_____ with

Ecclesiastes 4:7-10 “Again I saw something meaningless under the sun: ⁸There was a man all alone; he had neither son nor brother. There was no end to his toil, yet his eyes were not content with his wealth. “For whom am I toiling,” he asked, “and why am I depriving myself of enjoyment?” This too is meaningless— a miserable business! ⁹Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: ¹⁰If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.”

3. See S_____ as serving a P_____

“I walked a mile with Pleasure; She chatted all the way; But left me none the wiser. For all she had to say. I walked a mile with Sorrow; And ne’er a word said she; But, oh! The things I learned from her, When Sorrow walked with me.”

-Robert Browning

4. T_____ God’s control

Ecclesiastes 3:16-17 “And I saw something else under the sun: In the place of judgment—wickedness was there, in the place of justice—wickedness was there. ¹⁷I said to myself, “God will bring into judgment both the righteous and the wicked, for there will be a time for every activity, a time to judge every deed.”

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14: “Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the duty of all mankind. ¹⁴For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.”

How to begin a relationship with Jesus...

Admit that you’ve sinned (missed the mark of perfection) (Rom3:23)

Believe that Jesus is Lord, that He died on the cross for your sins and was raised from the dead (Rom. 10:9, John 3:16, 1 Peter 1:3)

Call on Jesus. Turn to Him. Receive Him and love God above all (Matt. 22:37, Eph. 5:1).