



INTRO: How much is enough? When John Rockafeller was asked this question, his answer spoke volumes, “Just a little bit more.” In the chase of wealth, luxury, achievement, or power, enough is always a little bit more. The lot of humans is not to have control, it is our lot to enjoy what is given to us. Whether luxury or the meager essentials, what we have is a gift from God. According to the Teacher, this is our lot: eat, drink, and be satisfied in the work we do.

1. What is enough for you?

READ Ecclesiastes 5:1-20

1. What types of things are grievous evil according to the Teacher?
2. How does one find satisfaction in “toilsome labor”?
3. When the Teacher says “drink,” what type of beverage do you suppose he is referring to?

SERMON QUESTIONS:

1. Why do people put their hope in wealth?
2. When is wealth a “grievous evil” and when is it to be enjoyed?
3. “Love God and do whatever you please.” Is that good theology? Why/why not?
4. What lot do you think God has given you at the moment?
5. Do you find that you take more opportunities to enjoy your lot or complain?
6. What do you think you need to take the time to enjoy more?

OUTRO: Christians can often be a serious bunch of people. We have a strong moral compass and value a strong work ethic. We can, however, be lacking in the mirth department. The world sees Christians as people more likely to judge what you have than desire you to enjoy it. Let’s change that. Let’s be the people who throw parties, who celebrate little things, and who eat and drink as if they are a gift from God. What if we were more apt to laugh than to judge? What if the world saw us as jolly and content? Whether God has given you much or He has given you little, enjoy it. Be the church who takes God’s good gifts and truly enjoys life.

PRAY TOGETHER.

(Pray for the way the Church is seen in the world that we could change our perception.)