



GETTING THE MOST OUT OF THE MIST

WE > ME

ECCLESIASTES 4:7-16

Ben Blakey - Compass Bible Church - February 5 & 6, 2022

1. Work _____
(vv. 7-8)

Ecclesiastes 4:7-16 (ESV)

*7 Again, I saw vanity under the sun:
8 one person who has no other, either
son or brother, yet there is no end to all
his toil, and his eyes are never satisfied
with riches, so that he never asks, "For
whom am I toiling and depriving myself
of pleasure?" This also is vanity and an
unhappy business.*

*9 Two are better than one, because they
have a good reward for their toil. 10 For
if they fall, one will lift up his fellow.*

*But woe to him who is alone when he
falls and has not another to lift him up!*

*11 Again, if two lie together, they keep
warm, but how can one keep warm
alone? 12 And though a man might*

*prevail against one who is alone, two will
withstand him—a threefold cord is not
quickly broken.*

*13 Better was a poor and wise youth than
an old and foolish king who no longer
knew how to take advice. 14 For he went
from prison to the throne, though in his
own kingdom he had been born poor.*

*15 I saw all the living who move about
under the sun, along with that youth who
was to stand in the king's place. 16 There
was no end of all the people, all of whom
he led. Yet those who come later will not
rejoice in him. Surely this also is vanity
and a striving after wind.*

2. Prioritize _____
(vv. 9-12)

3. Beware _____
(vv. 13-16)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. **Read 1 Timothy 6:9-10.** What are some of the ways “riches” might be appealing to you? What are some of the snares and traps that desire could lead you into?

2. **Read Colossians 3:22-4:1.** Think again of your current job and responsibilities. What are some of the ways you can direct your thoughts and motives in this areas to God and others as opposed to yourself?

3. Read through the list of “one another” commands. What are some ways you have been on the receiving end of these? How did that help you spiritually? Choose at least two of these commands that you would like to focus on this week and specific people/situation where they would apply.

4. **Read 1 Corinthians 12:21-26.** If you are a part of the body of Christ, you are “indispensable”! Of course, that should not lead to pride, but what are some of the healthy aspects of realizing that the church needs YOU?

5. **Read Proverbs 18:1.** What are some of the ways you might isolate yourself? What from this passage/message helps you see the futility of these habits?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

Gibson, David. *Living Life Backward*. Crossway, 2017.
 Holmes, Jonathan. *The Company We Keep*. Cruciform Press, 2014.
 Wiersbe, Warren. *How to be a Caring Christian*. Back to the Bible, 1981.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that we would prioritize people and relationships over self or success.
 Pray that our church would be a reflection of the healthy community that the church is meant to be.
 Pray that we would avoid unhealthy habits of isolation.
 Pray that the National Equipped Conference would be an amazing weekend of fellowship that gets people deeper into the Bible.
 Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	Old Testament	New Testament
2/7	Exodus 5-7	Luke 8:1-3, Matthew 12:22-37, Mark 3:20-30
2/8	Exodus 8-10	Matthew 12:38-50, Mark 3:31-35, Luke 8:19-21
2/9	Exodus 11-13	Matthew 13:1-23, Mark 4:1-25, Luke 8:4-18
2/10	Exodus 14-16	Matthew 13:24-53, Mark 4:26-34
2/11	Exodus 17-20	Matthew 8:18, 23-27, Mark 4:35-41, Luke 8:22-25
2/12	Exodus 21-23	Matthew 8:28-34, Mark 5:1-20, Luke 8:26-39

ONE ANOTHER PASSAGES IN THE NT

Mark 9:50 (ESV)

Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

John 13:14 (ESV)

If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet.

John 13:34–35 (ESV)

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

John 15:12 (ESV)

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

John 15:17 (ESV)

These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

Romans 12:5 (ESV)

so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

Romans 12:10 (ESV)

Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.

Romans 12:16 (ESV)

Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.

Romans 13:8 (ESV)

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

Romans 14:13 (ESV)

Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother.

Romans 14:19 (ESV)

So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.

Romans 15:5 (ESV)

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus,

Romans 15:7 (ESV)

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Romans 15:14 (ESV)

I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another.

Romans 16:16 (ESV)

Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.

1 Corinthians 11:33 (ESV)

So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for one another—

1 Corinthians 12:25 (ESV)

that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another.

1 Corinthians 16:20 (ESV)

All the brothers send you greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss.

2 Corinthians 13:12 (ESV)

Greet one another with a holy kiss.

Galatians 5:13 (ESV)

For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

Galatians 5:15 (ESV)

But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

Galatians 5:26 (ESV)

Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Galatians 6:2 (ESV)

Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Ephesians 4:2 (ESV)

with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,

Ephesians 4:32 (ESV)

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Ephesians 5:19 (ESV)

addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart,

Ephesians 5:21 (ESV)

submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Philippians 2:3–4 (ESV)

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Colossians 3:9 (ESV)

Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices

ONE ANOTHER PASSAGES IN THE NT

- Colossians 3:13 (ESV)
bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.
- Colossians 3:16 (ESV)
Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.
- 1 Thessalonians 3:12 (ESV)
and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you,
- 1 Thessalonians 4:9–10 (ESV)
Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, for that indeed is what you are doing to all the brothers throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers, to do this more and more.
- 1 Thessalonians 4:18 (ESV)
Therefore encourage one another with these words.
- 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (ESV)
Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.
- 2 Thessalonians 1:3 (ESV)
We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing.
- Hebrews 3:13 (ESV)
But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.
- Hebrews 10:24–25 (ESV)
And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.
- James 4:11 (ESV)
Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge.
- James 5:9 (ESV)
Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door.
- James 5:16 (ESV)
Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

- 1 Peter 1:22 (ESV)
Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart,
- 1 Peter 4:8 (ESV)
Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.
- 1 Peter 4:9–10 (ESV)
Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:
- 1 Peter 5:5 (ESV)
Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."
- 1 Peter 5:14 (ESV)
Greet one another with the kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ.
- 1 John 1:7 (ESV)
But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.
- 1 John 3:11 (ESV)
For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.
- 1 John 3:23 (ESV)
And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.
- 1 John 4:7 (ESV)
Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.
- 1 John 4:11 (ESV)
Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.
- 2 John 5 (ESV)
And now I ask you, dear lady—not as though I were writing you a new commandment, but the one we have had from the beginning—that we love one another.